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Who's Who and What's What

The Tennessee Convention adopted a recommendation to divide the state into eight missionary districts and employ eight missionaries; also to employ a laymen for full time work among laymen and young men.

It is easy enough to quote the words of Jesus but to get his tones is another thing altogether. It takes only a good memory for the words but it takes a sympathetic and consecrated heart to get the tones.—Charity and Children.

Shaw Baptist Church recently had 117 in Sunday school, seven additions including two for baptism. The work there is better than at any time since the coming of Rev. C. M. Day as pastor and the Sunday school is the largest in the history of the church.

The Committee appointed by the State Convention to study the plan of security for old preachers and report next year, had a preliminary meeting in Jackson Monday. They are Rev. C. J. Olander, G. P. White, S. B. Cooper, and President W. E. Holcomb and Judge Sidney Smith.

The French government after trying the lottery method of raising money for five years has abandoned it as unprofitable and dangerous to morals. Strange that people have to find a thing is unprofitable before they can see it is morally dangerous. Prohibition will come back because liquor is unprofitable.

The report of the grand jury of Hinds County a few days ago attributed seventy per cent of the crimes of homicide and assault with intent directly to the influence of alcoholic drinking. Any man who votes for liquor or who is indifferent in this fight or who helps promote the sale of alcoholic beverages is guilty before God for his share in these crimes.

On Sunday afternoon, Nov. 27, a largely attended meeting of Citizens of Jackson and Hinds County was held in the court house in Jackson, whose purpose was to awaken the spirit of law observance in our people and pledge to the officers their support in law enforcement. Rev. I. F. Metts called the meeting to order. Prof. J. T. Calhoun of the State Education Department in Jackson was elected president. Many of the ministers in Jackson were present and were among the speakers. The editor was absent on account of sickness. It is said that few of the city or county officers were present. Another meeting was announced for Dec. 4 which we report later.

Dr. Whitsitt in his brief genealogy of Jefferson Davis, relates an interesting story concerning Samuel Davis, his father, who was an ardent Baptist laymen, and captain in the Revolutionary War. He married, so this historian says, Jane Cook of Edgefield County, whom he met while attending a Baptist association, during the Revolutionary War. Samuel Davis had a passion for building churches. He built a church across the Savannah River in Georgia and called it Bethel. He later moved to Kentucky and built there a Baptist church and called it Bethel—for this church Bethel College at Russellville and Bethel Female College at Hopkinsville were named. He later moved to Mississippi and there built a Baptist church and called it Bethel.—Baptist Courier.

First Church, Kosciusko, has called Rev. J. H. Kyzar of Drew as pastor. He has not at this date given his response.

It is said that of the 55 men signing the American Declaration of Independence 47 were graduates of Christian schools.

First Church, Jackson, on last Sunday elected Henry Love as assistant to Pastor W. A. Hewitt. Brother Love is a son of M. P. L. Love of Hattiesburg, and is an alumnus of Mississippi College and of the Southwestern Seminary. He is a layman.

The Associational Training school held recently at Senatobia with the several churches co-operating and the pastors doing the teaching was so successful that the Strayhorn Church has already held a school of its own and other churches are arranging to do so.

Miss R. Pearl Johnson writes from Shanghai that the only church building of Southern Baptists in the city is crowded with worshippers. Other congregations are also worshipping in crowded rented buildings. The old North Gate Church schools have about 900 young people studying.

Rev. and Mrs. A. T. Cinnamond have been given an enthusiastic welcome by their friends in Senatobia. They were greeted on their arrival by a "surprise party" and pantry shower. Brother Cinnamond has been elected an honorary member of the board of deacons of the First Church and by invitation of all the pastors, preached the sermon at the community Thanksgiving service which was held at the Methodist church.

Attendance at Oklahoma Baptist Convention registered 1421. Rupert Naney was elected president the third time. The Relief and Annuity Board's plan for security was unanimously approved. The budget receipts for the year were \$136,582.13. Total receipts for the year, \$278,614.64. The W. M. U. reported cash receipts \$99,117.78 and boxes valued at \$15,537.15. The budget for next year was set at \$166,429.48, the sum of what had been set by the district associations.

In the voting by students of Mississippi College this session for places of honor, the student who was given preeminence as the best athlete, was also voted the best all round student. He is Joel Hitt, son of Prof. and Mrs. J. R. Hitt. He is also president of the student body, captain of the football team, voted to be most popular, most versatile and most influential student. Rev. Gordon Sansing of Union was voted the most promising senior. Miss Laurie Lee of Forest was voted most beautiful co-ed; Elizabeth Latimer of Clinton most popular co-ed; T. C. Clark of Brookhaven most handsome; W. A. Sullivan, Jr., of Natchez the most intellectual; Carmen Sharpe of Corinth friendliest; T. J. Hewitt of Jackson most optimistic; Fred Mosely of Gloster most courteous; Hewlett Curry of Pulaski most deserving.

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AND STILL 6% BONDS SELL

More bonds sold last week. Other requests still coming. Interest due December 1st was paid as fast as coupons came in. It seems that all bonds will soon be sold. Bonds bearing 6% interest are hard to find. If interested, send exchange for face value of the bonds, plus accrued interest from December 1st to date of purchase to R. B. Gunter, Secretary, Box 530, Jackson, Miss.

Oklahoma claims at least one of the biggest things in the world: it is the Fall's Creek Assembly. Come on Texas.

Four new deacons were elected by the church at Crystal Springs: R. P. Slay, S. M. Crain, Colon Farmer and J. B. Robinson.

Harmony church in Carroll County where Bro. C. J. Olander has been preaching one Sunday afternoon in the month will hereafter have one full Sunday each month. They have painted the church house inside and out.

Ponga City, Okla., led all the churches of their association during the past associational year in baptisms, B. T. U. enrollment, W. M. U. contributions to the Cooperative Program. There were 187 additions. Pastor A. F. Crittendon hopes to do even better during the coming year.

Shelby recently adopted the every family plan and have a retiring offering once each month. The proceeds are used to pay for the Record. The first retiring offering took care of two months. Pastor J. J. Burson reports that the people are reading the Record.

Central Mississippi Pastors' Conference meets in First Church, Jackson, Monday, Dec. 12 at 9:30 a. m. Devotional by M. P. Jones; Orphanage Building Program by Bryan Simmons; Getting Ready for 1939 by Howard Spell; The 1939 Evangelistic Program by Webb Brame; Bible Study by M. O. Patterson.

Tchula church last Sunday voted to go from one fourth to one half time preaching. They have made out the budget for next year with the Cooperative Program as the first item. They have paid off the building debt, repaired the building and paid that. There were two additions to the church Sunday reported by Pastor C. J. Olander.

Southwest Mississippi Pastors' Conference meets at First Church, McComb, Monday, Dec. 12, at 10 a. m. On the program are Devotional by J. P. Brook; Perils of the Preacher by W. W. Kyzar; Preacher In His Study by H. B. Price; Preacher In The Home by R. R. Jones; Sermon by W. A. Gill. Song and praise service by A. E. Pardue; Exposition of Hebrews 4:1-7 by P. S. Rogers; Hebrews 4:8-16 by W. R. Cooper. W. A. Gill who brings the inspirational message has been pastor in McComb for 23 years, the longest in service of any pastor in the city.

We held a Sunday school study course at Oak Grove, Scott County, the fifth week in October. We had a great week together with our people in the study of Building A Standard Sunday School, by Arthur Flake. We had 36 enrolled in class, an average attendance during the week of about 30, with 15 taking the axamination, and we are expecting to reach the Standard within a few weeks. Our people "have a mind to work." The pastor taught the class.—G. M. Harbin.

Rev. J. B. Hemphill has been pastor of New Prospect church, Lincoln County, for ten years. They now have preaching half time. Recently the church house has been painted inside and out. There are half a dozen or more Sunday school rooms in the house and two on the yard. The pastor has in training a junior choir. Last Sunday the editor by invitation preached morning and afternoon to the church, and the members had an excellent dinner served on the ground. It was a beautiful day and the interest and fellowship were good in the house and out. Pastor Hemphill has given up all school work, owns his own home in the midst of the churches he serves and gives them his full time and attention.

Sparks and Splinters

Somebody in Memphis has started a crusade against howling which is misnamed singing.

Many Jewish children were recently taken out of Germany into England, and were reported very happy in the change.

Mrs. H. M. Harris after a few months sojourn for safety in Hong Kong has returned to Kai Feng, in the interior of China to join her husband in facing the perils of war.

The church at Edwards has called brother Cranford, a student in Mississippi College and he will preach there the second and fourth Sunday mornings in each month. He preaches in the afternoon as Coats, and two Sundays at Isola.

Our sympathy is with Rev. N. J. Lee of Wiggins and other members of the family in the death of his mother last week. She was 83 years old and for many years a member of White Sand church in Jefferson Davis County.

Recently Lowrey Memorial Church at Blue Mountain celebrated its fifty-ninth anniversary. They began in 1879 with 70 members. They now have 856. Among the first members were Gen. and Mrs. M. P. Lowrey for whom the church is now named. Living charter members are Mrs. Modena Lowrey Berry, Mrs. L. L. Ray and Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Buchanan, who are still members here. Col. Lewis Ball was the first pastor.

Our missionaries in Shanghai were recently permitted by the Japanese officials to visit the property of Shanghai University, after many refusals. All the scientific equipment had been cleared out. The Japanese offer to purchase the property far below its value was refused.

Money for relief of suffering and starving people in China should be sent through the Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, which is co-operating with the Church Committee for China Relief. If the money spent for Christmas gifts should be turned into channels of beneficence, it would be according to the mind of Christ whom we seek to honor at this season.

The fire that destroyed a large part of Chicago in 1870 was so close to the time when many Southern soldiers had been imprisoned there during the civil war, that one old soldier said he was receiving the report of the fire with great resignation. Our people who hear over the radio and read in the papers about the political disturbances in Rumania following and attending the bitter persecution of our Baptist people, may be excused from not being distressed with excessive grief.

While the free churches of Great Britain are protesting the persecution of Baptists in Rumania, the members of the established church are preserving a significant silence. And one "Bishop" of Gibraltar is outspoken in his lack of sympathy with those who are persecuted. There are many Baptists in Rumania who are being persecuted but while the world is expressing proper sympathy for the Jews in Germany, there is little attention being paid to the Baptists in Rumania.

"Peter, The Man Jesus Made" is an interpretation of the life and influence of the Apostle Peter by Dr. Hillyer H. Straton and published by Zondervan of Grand Rapids. Peter is always a character study of first magnitude because of human interest, because of his close association with Jesus, and because of his wide influence in the world. The fact that we are to study in our Sunday schools part of this coming year the life and epistles of Peter gives increasing value to books of this kind. The book is written in popular style as you might expect of an influential preacher, after very wide reading. Dr. Straton seems to have been over influenced by Roman Catholic writers. The treatment is rather running narrative more than close analysis. It will help those who really desire a better knowledge of the great apostle. Dr. Straton is a native of Georgia, but is now pastor of First Baptist Church in Detroit. The price of the book is \$1.

Louis Byram was ordained to the ministry by Mt. Zion Church in Leake County. The presbytery consisted by Pastor J. W. Burnett and Dr. R. B. Gunter, who was reared in this church.

North Carolina Baptist Convention passed resolutions of affection in reference to Dr. J. S. Farmer, former editor of the Recorder, and had flowers sent to be placed on his grave.

At Madden the church debt was recently reduced from \$1144 to \$233. Brother J. W. Burnett is pastor in this community where one of the biggest rural high schools in the state is located.

The papers of Nov. 29 announced the death of Rev. J. L. Price at the home of his daughter Mrs. R. E. Guy at Jackson, Tenn. Brother Price was a Mississippian and spent most of his life and ministry in this state. His body was brought to McComb for burial. His ministry in former years was in Lincoln and Pike Counties, spending a short time also in Desoto County. He was 75 years old.

South Carolina Baptists referred the question of having a General Superintendent of Evangelism to their General Board. Also the Convention instructed its nominating committee to put Baptists only on the boards of trustees of the colleges, and that these trustees employ only such people on the faculties, as far as possible, who are in harmony with Baptist views expressed by the Convention.

Sunday the editor had the privilege of preaching to the people of Van Winkle church. The day was one of the coldest but the congregation was good. The church has gone ahead with plans for enlargement. It is necessary to provide more room for the Sunday school. This will be done by building a parsonage on the lot adjoining the church in which Sunday School rooms for temporary use will be provided. The basement story of the church is enclosed, made of concrete, including about half a dozen Sunday school rooms beside the auditorium. This has all been done in about eight months time. And every family in the church gets the Baptist Record. Pastor J. E. Blackford expects to move into the parsonage in May.

The Biblical Recorder reporting the discussion of social service in the North Carolina Convention says: Dr. A. J. Barton's long report on Social Service called forth the liveliest debate of the whole Convention. The sections concerning race relations, lynchings, religious freedom, German and Rumanian persecutions, world refugees, peace and war, dishonest ballots, absentee ballots, liquor traffic, were all very peacefully passed over, but section ten, which reads in the main, "Without the slightest thought of political parties . . . we record our conviction that the American people should go no farther toward the centralization of power in governmental affairs, in the regulation of details of private life, in the regimentation of the citizens, and toward the establishment of a totalitarian state, . . ." aroused opposition, as it was considered by some as a direct blow at the New Deal. When the vote was taken, the majority favored the resolution.

The pendulum has a way of swinging far to the right and to the left. When the peace of Versailles was made it was an effort to make Germany harmless on the part of the allies. By many it was regarded as severe and oppressive. More recently this feeling has come to ascendancy and the pendulum has swung to the side of sympathy with Germany. So strong is this that people forget the ruthlessness with which Germany waged a war for world domination, which if it had succeeded would have placed the world at the mercy of Germany. In that case there is no question that the terms which Germany would have imposed would have made the Versailles treaty look like an act of mercy. Now this same Germany is coming back to power, and seeking more dominion than the Kaiser ever dreamed of. The mercilessness of the rulers is shown in their treatment of Jews, and the terror they seek to inspire in all who oppose them. Germany has not changed. And if there is to be liberty left in the world, the democracies will have to see to it.

A part of the Lottie Moon missionary offering goes to help in the refugee camps in China which have become revival camps. Students from the Baptist colleges in China are doing evangelistic work among the refugees.

From Hazlehurst Baptist Messenger: From the history of the W. M. U.—fifty years—the women have contributed to the work of the Kingdom \$53,233,101.00. During 1937 they contributed \$2,357,003.42 in cash besides boxes to orphanages, etc., amounting to \$86,861.17. The W. M. U. has a membership of over 600,000, of which number Mississippi has 35,501. Mississippi gained last year 371 new organizations. The W. M. U. has 29,918 tithers in the South.

When we see the bloody war mongers of Europe and Asia trampling human rights under foot, and hear the proclamations of the multitudinous peace societies in this country we almost come to the conclusion that the whole constituency of these peace organizations should be bodily transported as missionaries to Germany, Italy and Japan where their work is most needed. The Bible has a word to say about those who cry peace! peace! when there is no peace.

The new book for the B. T. U. training course, "A Winning Witness," by Dr. G. S. Dobbins, published by the Sunday School Board is in line with Southern Baptist emphasis on evangelism. The book has eight chapters beside the Questions for Review. The chief virtue of this book is its constant quotation of the scriptures to support its contention. It will help those who desire to be more useful in winning people to Christ, and a full and useful Christian life.

Rev. L. T. Fagan who went from Mississippi to attend the Seminary at Ft. Worth, has recently had Evangelist Thos. B. Hart with him in a good meeting at Grand Prairie, Texas. In the first week there were 15 professions of faith and five additions by letter. The church is truly missionary and cooperative. Two years ago brother Fagan began a mission at Shady Grove near Grand Prairie. A year later a church was organized. Now they have a good building and full time preaching by F. M. Sewell. Recently another mission was organized at Burbank Gardens, two miles from Grand Prairie, a lot secured, house erected and T. W. Smith employed as missionary, with a prospect of a new church organized. The church at Grand Prairie gives regularly to the Cooperative Program.

Here is a word from a veteran preacher which was not intended for publication, which is so true that we pass it on without giving the name of the writer: "I am not enjoying all the talk about what we are going to do next year. I think we should be doing right now what the Lord wants us to do. I find in my territory lost people both in and out of the church. Like the Apostle Paul, I'm preaching the gospel to the people publicly and from house to house when I am well enough to get there. I don't believe we have the right to put off what we should do today until next year. I find opportunities to teach the word of the Lord to friends who come to see me and to folks I meet on the streets and some with whom I have talked lately that if I had failed at that time I could not have talked with them at all because they have gone." [The Committee on Christian Education in the South Carolina Convention went into a detailed statement as to what is expected by Baptists of those whom they are supporting while they are ministerial students. A questionnaire was sent to all such students to learn whether or not they adhered to the fundamental Bible and Baptist position. And it was clearly stated that Baptists do not propose to aid those who are lax in their views of Christian doctrine. Also a resolution was introduced and adopted approving the action of the Board of Trustees of Furman University, "in purging from Furman University teachers who believe and teach doctrines contrary to the fundamentals of our faith, and in securing teachers who believe and teach our great fundamental and essential doctrines." It takes action like this to keep Baptist schools clear of all disloyalty to Baptist faith. And it seems that it had to come in South Carolina.

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HOW ONE FEELS AT EIGHTY-FIVE

Dec. 18, 1853—Dec. 18, 1938



MISSIONARY J. G. CHASTAIN
Lexington, Miss.

The good Lord desires the happiness of all His people, and has placed before them abundant means to that end. The writer of these lines is happy for many reasons, some of which may be mentioned here.

He was reared on a farm, and through life has enjoyed reasonably good health.

Delightful are his recollections of college and seminary days. He loves his friends, and flatters himself that they are legion. God honored him by calling him early into the gospel ministry, the highest and most sacred office ever occupied by man.

He was fortunate in his marriage and has been blessed in his children. During his many years in foreign lands, it was his great pleasure to work with missionaries of culture and deep piety. He is humbly grateful to the Lord for using him in leading many young men into the ministry, also in organizing a number of churches, and especially in winning thousands of lost souls to Christ.

He went to Mexico as a missionary fifty years ago, and with some interruptions, has been preaching in Spanish ever since, a work which he loves better than he does his life.

He is entering his sixty-fifth year in the ministry, and has completed his eighty-fifth of age. Looking back over his long career, it seems to him like a happy dream.

He is quietly spending the evening of life here in Lexington. He keeps busy doing pastoral visiting, occasionally filling the pulpit in the absence of the pastor, who is his son, Dr. Judson Chastain. Needless to say, he is contented and happy.

Much has been said (not too much) in our Baptist papers about the threatened closing of Baptist churches and the actual imprisonment of Baptist preachers. Appeals have been made to our government to protest against such persecution. The Rumanian Baptists have done the wisest thing in observing a day of fasting and prayer to God for deliverance. It was effective back in the days of Esther and will be today. Please pray for these persecuted Baptists.

MAGNIFY THE CHURCH

By Lawson H. Cooke

The call to Southern Baptists is that we do magnify the church. A church consciousness is the great need of Southern Baptists today. As an organization solely, no group within a church has a rightful claim to existence. It justifies itself only when it strengthens and vitalizes the whole life of the church. Jesus established a church, and to that church he gave a definite mission. Generally speaking, that mission is two-fold: To win souls to Christ, and to grow Christian character. Every activity within a church should be shaped by this great two-fold objective. The entire organizational life of a church should be so coordinated that each group—functioning specifically, but not independently—makes its full contribution to the end that the church shall occupy a position of dignity and respectability in the community, and can more readily accomplish its Christ-given mission.

The Family

A church is a family of baptized believers. It, therefore, becomes each member to assume his rightful place within the family circle. The welfare of each individual is to become the concern of the whole; and the interests of the whole are to become the concern of each individual. There must exist an atmosphere of congeniality and mutual consideration, with each member making his contribution to the progress of the plans and purposes of the family. We come into the church spiritual babies just as we came into the world physical babies, and each new addition to the church family should be the center of attraction just as the new baby in the home.

The Financial Program

A church has a financial program. No enterprise, sacred or secular, can go faster or farther than its financial support will carry it. If one will analyze all of the difficulties in his church, he will discover that most of them are rooted in one common problem—money. The problem is not a bigger and better building; that may be the need; the problem is to get the money to pay for it. Our problem, denominationally, is not more missionaries; that is our need; the problem is to get the money to send them to their fields of labor, and to properly care for them after they arrive. The financial program of a church is its very life blood, and every member should be vitally concerned in the church being adequately and unanimously financed that it may render its largest service to its members, the community, and the world.

The Worship Service

It is fatal to discount the preaching of the Gospel from the pulpits of our churches. There can be no satisfactory substitute for the worship services of a church. At least two of these services are in a perilous position today, the Sunday night service and the mid-week prayer service. Unless some adjustment is made, and that quickly, these services, in a few years, will be history in many of our churches, and as a result much of the spiritual power of those churches will have been lost.

The Teaching Service

The Bible school is the teaching service of the church. It is the church teaching the Bible, a most vital factor in spiritual development, and one with tremendous evangelistic possibilities. Here is to be found one of the most perplexing situations of our church life, the inadequacy of physical facilities and the shortage of qualified and willing workers for the Bible school. Each one of us should assume a definite relationship toward this teaching service of the church.

The Training Service

Every Christian needs training if he is to render his best service in Kingdom enterprises. Nothing is more important than a church membership specifically trained in Christian service. Nothing can vitalize the life of a church more genuinely than a great training service reaching into the experience of every member. It, therefore, becomes our responsibility to wholeheartedly and energetically throw our support to a great training service in our church life.

The Missionary Program

Our Master has commissioned us to evangelize the whole world, to keep going until the humblest man in the remotest part of the earth has heard the Gospel. This applies to the man across the street just as to the man across the sea. It is so much easier to send a missionary than to be one. A church without a missionary spirit resolves itself into a mere social center, and is entirely out of harmony with the conception of the Master. It, therefore, becomes the responsibility of each of us to create and maintain within the church an intense spirit of missions, cooperating energetically with contribution and counsel in the great world mission program of Southern Baptists.

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ALMOST PERSUADED

Ernest O. Sellers

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Several years ago Dr. G. Campbell Morgan first called my attention to the popular, but inaccurate, application of Paul's celebrated reply to King Agrippa. In the interest of correct Biblical interpretation and at the risk of spoiling some good sermons, we present what seems to be the correct application of "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian." (A. V.)

The American Standard translation reads: "With but little persuasion thou wouldest make a Christian of me." Moffatt's translation reads: "It won't be long before you believe you have made a Christian of me." Both of these translations clearly indicate a tone of sarcasm and scorn. The idea that Agrippa, the king upon a throne, could ever become like that despicable, near-sighted, little prisoner standing before him, representing and pleading for his hated sect.

The impossibility of the conventional application, "almost persuaded," is clearly set forth by Weymouth, the well known English Greek scholar. We quote:

1. The initial phrase cannot mean "almost," but as in Eph. 3:3, "with a few words," or "in a short time."

2. The "to be" is displaced by the better attested reading, "to make."

3. "Thou persuadest" should rather be rendered, "thou art trying to persuade." Weymouth adds: "With but little persuasion thou wouldest make me a Christian" is a dubious rendering of all but untranslatable Greek. Probably the use of the nickname, "Christian" is decisive against any earnest purpose on the part of Agrippa. He seems to say with irony, "What a hurry you are in to make a Christian of me."

Since earliest manhood the psychology of the well known hymn, "Almost Persuaded," by P. P. Bliss, has been to arouse in me the combative spirit. It has never had any wooing or pleading effect whatever. I can honestly testify that in a generation of evangelistic experience, associated with or in attendance upon the meetings of nearly every great evangelist since the days of D. L. Moody, I have never seen or known of a single profession of faith when that hymn was being sung as an invitation. Doubtless others have had a different experience but that is mine.

There are so many good invitation hymns that good psychology and true Biblical interpretation would seem to indicate that it is best not to follow the conventional, and I am sure incorrect, use of this hymn. As for the sermons it seems to me, and to many with whom I have discussed this passage, that an emphasis upon the wickedness of the life and the hardness of the heart of Agrippa is not only correct but also the more profitable application of Paul's great words, "In brief, you are easily persuading yourself that you can make me a Christian."

Incidentally this is one of the three times the word "Christian" occurs in the New Testament. Acts 11:26, an epithet of Scorn; Acts 26: 28, a term of Sarcasm; and I Peter 4:16, "Suffer as a Christian."

—The Baptist Bible Institute
New Orleans, Louisiana.

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Rev. J. G. Lott, a Mississippian now pastor of Calvary Church, Memphis, is recovering from a major operation.

EDITORIALS

BELIEVEST THOU THIS?

This is a question that Jesus asked Martha as they were approaching the grave of her brother Lazarus. It is pointed, personal and pertinent. It was heart searching. It was to bring to a focus all her professed devotion to Jesus and her hitherto conceptions of his person and his ability to help. Martha was a good woman, a Christian, who had not hesitated to express in any proper way her adherence to Jesus as the Christ. But there come times when we like she must look to see whether the faith we profess is real, whether it works in a crisis.

Large knowledge of the truth concerning Jesus is not sufficient. A vast accumulation of information gathered from the Bible and from all available religious sources will do us no good when the testing time comes if we have not made a direct personal appropriation of the truth. It is not how much you know about Jesus, or about the Bible, or about God, but how much do you believe. The boys in the home with Jesus, who grew up with him did not believe on him, not until after his resurrection. Some people will even tell you that preachers' sons are worse than other boys. Anyway it is not how well instructed you are, but how much of truth you have personally received into your heart.

There are plenty of youngsters in college who have studied physics who can't run an engine. There are those who have studied chemistry who couldn't manage a sugar mill, nor a drug store. How much of your knowledge can you use in a pinch? How much of it can you requisition in an emergency? How much have you learned to put to the practical test in time of need? So in your religion, when the day of testing comes how much of the truth of God, what you have been taught concerning Jesus, how much can you harness up to do the spiritual work, produce the spiritual results needed?

Faith is specific, not general. It is not enough to say, "I believe the Bible, believe everything in it." It is not enough to say that we believe in God, and that Jesus Christ is His Son." It is not sufficient to say, "I believe it all." The question is "Believest thou this?" Faith is not the general acceptance of the whole, it is not subscribing to a crede. It is believing this particular thing that God says. It is appropriating this individual promise of his. That is what makes one a Christian. It is the acceptance of and dependence on the specific promise of God to save us in Christ. And that is the way progress is made in the Christian life after we become Christians. It is laying hold of a specific word of God, a promise or command and giving adherence to that.

It is not only specific, it is personal. Believest thou? It is not enough to be born in a Christian land; it is not enough to have been born into a Christian family and brought up under Christian influences and taught all the Christian principles. The vital question is whether or not the individual, the man or woman or boy or girl has personally taken to heart and personally trusted the promise of God for himself.

And our progress in the Christian life is taken step by step in personally appropriating by faith the word of God to us. Paul says, "As therefore ye have received the Lord Jesus, even so walk in him." As you began the Christian life with an act of faith, so the growth in Christian living will be as you personally and separately appropriate the word of God. It is not enough to read the Bible every day. When you read it do you accept and personally appropriate and apply the word in your life? "Believest thou this?"

Actual faith is an act of sincerity. Anything short of it is pretense. Religion if not personal and vital is a mere sham and hypocrisy. Jesus would save Martha from a religion that wouldn't avail her in a genuine emergency. Any religion that will not get results in time of need is bogus, and had better be thrown overboard.

When you go to an electric shop to buy bulbs, the salesman takes each bulb out of its carton and attaches it to the socket neaby to test it out, to see if it works. If it does not it is tossed aside. The promises and precepts of God's word are the sockets into which we attach our faith. If the results are not satisfactory the trouble is not with the promises, there's something wrong at the faith end of the test.

HARD-HEADED PREACHERS

Every now and then you hear a remark about the hard headed business man. Maybe not so often somebody speaks of a hard-headed preacher. We want to say a good word for the hard-headed preacher. It may be that the hard headed business man needs somebody to speak a good word for him.

It is not all bad to be hard headed. Conditions may justify it and even require it. Years ago we heard Dr. R. J. Willingham say that his wife would say to him when he got home from a trip around the country while foreign mission secretary, "These children are the hard headedest bunch I ever saw." His reply was, "Well, you don't want them soft headed, do you?"

The Bible has a word to say about the hard-headed preacher or prophet. The Old Testament prophecies were never more fitting than in this year 1938, and will be in 1939. Somebody ought to deliver a series of lectures to all the theological students in America on one of these old prophets—say Ezekiel. It is in Ezekiel that we read about the hard-headed preacher. And it is plainly said that the Lord made him hard-headed. In the third chapter and ninth verse Jehovah God said to this young theolog, "As an adamant, harder than flint, have I made thy forehead: fear them not neither be dismayed at their looks, though they be a rebellious house."

It took a hard head to go up against a hard situation. And it takes it now. Of course the Lord did not harden Ezekiel's heart, but he did harden his head. And there was great need for it. There would have been no need for his going at all with any other kind of head. It would have been mashed to a pulp, for he was going up against a hard-headed generation. Conditions were bad. Good people were discouraged. The Lord seemed a long way off. People were rebellious against Him. They were outspoken in opposition, careless in living, defiant in wickedness, critical of preachers and intolerant of religious restraint. A timid man would get nowhere with these folks. It was no time for soft soap and applesauce. These people had to be told. Somebody was needed that was not afraid to speak out.

Conditions are fully described in these early chapters in Ezekiel. The people are described as "impudent," "stiff-hearted," "rebellious." The prophet was to speak out whether they would hear or whether they would forbear. "Behold I have made thy face strong against their faces and thy forehead strong against their foreheads."

There was sure to be trouble ahead. The Lord did not promise him an easy time. Be not afraid of them; neither be afraid of their words, though briars and thorns be with thee, and thou dost dwell among scorpions. Be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks. Surely our generation is not the first one in which preaching was needed that is bold, plain, fearless.

But there is no call nor cause for bravado in the pulpit, no need or place for false courage. It must be of the genuine, the God-made kind. How did God make this preacher's forehead hard? He tells us the process by which true courage is produced. The soot in your chimney and the diamond in your finger ring are the same elementary material. But the diamond has undergone a process of hardening and of transfiguring. Peter on the day of Pentecost and Peter at the trial of Jesus was the same man. But what a difference!

But back to Ezekiel. This talk of hardening is in the third chapter. But in the first and second chapters you will find out how it was done. First

there was an overwhelming vision of God, which no man could ever have and be the same. You will read about it in the first chapter. No man can ever preach effectually until he has had a close, intimately personal experience with God that makes Him more real to him and powerful in him than anything else in life.

And then in the second and third chapters there is given him a roll written within and without. This roll is not a biscuit but a scroll on which the word God is written. This is to be the prophets food. "And He said unto me, Cause thy belly to eat and fill thy bowels with this roll that I gave thee. Then did I eat it; and it was in my mouth as honey for sweetness." The boldness and fearlessness needed in the prophet is made by feeding on the word of God till it is in full control of our speech.

Pascagoula: Our plan for financing our church for 1939 is tithing. Let every member of our church realize that the time is short and that we need to sign our pledge cards saying that we will tithe our incomes for the first three months of 1939. Let us all forget our old plan of giving and just try God's plan. Do not wait for some one to see you and ask you to do this, but just come to the church, sign your card and get your envelope.—Your pastor, E. N. Patterson.

Our prayers have been answered in that we have a W. M. U. organized at Leaf River, Smith County. The ladies were to meet Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 29th, for their first meeting. We are looking forward to a strong union with every lady in our church enlisted in service for our Lord. We are praying that God will strengthen and bless our ladies in their new efforts and that they will be faithful in their glorious service in our church and throughout the world. We thank God for the fine cooperation that our people are giving in our efforts to serve our Lord at Leaf River, and especially are we grateful for the faithful and efficient service of the grammar and high school faculty.—G. M. Harbin, Pastor.

Dale Carnegie who wrote "How To Win Friends And Influence People," recently said about the book: "It tells practically nothing that everybody doesn't already know. What people need more than anything else is to be reminded of things they already know." And that is not only good psychology. It is what the Bible taught 2,000 years ago. James said, "Ye know this, my beloved brethren, but be swift to hear, slow to speak." Again Peter says, "I shall be ready always to put you in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and are established in the truth which is with you." And John says, "I write no new commandment unto you, but the old commandment which ye had from the beginning." Jesus said that the Holy Spirit would bring to the disciples' minds all things whatsoever he had spoken to them. Preachers need not be nervous about getting something new for a sermon. Just get what is true. And people should not have itching ears to get something new and sensational.

Summit Baptists celebrated the seventy-fifth anniversary of their church recently. Miss Gillis read a good part of its history. Another part was given by Mrs. J. H. Kirchner. The deed to the present property was made to the church by J. B. Quin, grandfather of the present pastor his namesake. Mrs. J. M. Sharp of Jackson is a daughter of the J. B. Quin of early history. Dr. J. R. Graves preached the dedication sermon of the first building. That was in the days of Dr. J. R. Sample. The church roll of 1862 contained eleven names. Dr. C. H. Otken was one of the early pastors. Others are Mr. Hayden, W. E. Tynes, R. W. Hall, S. W. Sibley, W. P. Critz, W. M. Farmer, T. C. Schilling, J. H. Lane, Madison Flowers, R. L. Bunyard, R. R. Jones, L. B. Campbell. Music for the day was led by Mrs. Edna Watkins Hewitt. Sermons were preached by Rev. Madison Flowers, Rev. Fred Bookter and Dr. L. B. Campbell. Fourth generation members were represented by Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Quin, Misses Leta Rembert and Frances Buford Covington and Master Gordon Covington, Jr.

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CHRISTMAS AT THE ORPHANAGE

Mrs. W. G. Mize

On the morning of December 25th in the dining room of the Baptist Orphanage, there will be a pretty Christmas tree decorated and lighted. It will give joy to the children who have no other home save the one provided by Mississippi Baptists.

Since coming to the Orphanage, it has been our desire to make it as home-like as possible in every way. As Christmas means so very much to children we have worked endlessly from Thanksgiving to Christmas each year, trying to have a present or so for every individual in the home. Several interested groups have helped us and what a help it is!

Would you like to place a gift on this tree for some boy or girl? Perhaps a church, missionary society, Sunday school or B. T. U. would like to sponsor all or part of the big Orphanage family.

We can give you a complete list of all our children with their ages. If you will adopt one, all or a part of these let us know, so we can count on you. Wrap each package separately with name or orphan attached and mail to Baptist Orphanage, Jackson, Mississippi.

Your own yuletide season will be happier if you observe His birthday by brightening the lives of those for whom He said, "In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these ye have done it unto me."

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INTERESTING ITEMS FROM FOREIGN MISSION BOARD IN RICHMOND

When Rumanian Baptists called for a nationwide day of prayer by their 70,000 members in all of their 1,602 churches, thousands of them were arrested, fined and imprisoned and otherwise persecuted for "calling the people to illegal prayer."

There are 73,601 Baptists in Germany. They suffer persecution along with others who worship Jehovah God. In Austria there are 531 Baptists, 5079 in Czechoslovakia, 13,678 in Hungary, 70,000 in Rumania, 2,299 in Yugoslavia, 1,054 in Spain, 3,111 in Italy.

Southern Baptists do mission work in Spain, Yugoslavia, Hungary, Rumania, and Italy. Northern Baptists work in Poland, Czechoslovakia, Norway, Denmark, Belgium and France. American-German Baptists undertake work in Germany, Austria and Bulgaria. British, Swedish and Australian Baptists work in Holland and Finland.

The largest number of baptisms on our foreign fields is in Rumania, where for ten years they have averaged 6,000 a year.

"For This Cause" the newest foreign mission study book has exceeded in sales any study book of the board.

Some one has suggested to the Foreign Mission Board a way of paying its \$295,000 debt by January 1. It is the chain letter plan, everybody writing and promising a dime and sending the letter on. But the board proposes to stick to the Cooperative Program and tithing.

The Baptist University property in Shanghai is still in the hands of the Japanese forces with no promise of return. It is in the section of the city which the Japanese expect to use as a permanent military base.

In Africa this summer we were received everywhere with the most cordial and extravagant welcome. We stood before "potentates," "kings," and "crowned heads" many times. They were most gracious and kind to us. They urged us to give them more messengers of the Gospel. The needs there in Africa broke our hearts. We are guilty before God because of the way we have left glorious missionaries to fight alone. Unless we can send them help, we ought not to send them out there to suffer and to die without support. I marvel that more of our missionaries do not break under the strain of it all.—Charles E. Maddy.

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Dr. J. A. Taylor supplied the pulpit at Brookhaven Sunday, the first since the going of Pastor B. L. Davis to Springfield, Mo.

LET'S GO

By A. L. GOODRICH, Circulation Manager

"Ask the People and They'll Subscribe"

GOING PLACES

Pleasant Hill (Simpson County):

Rev. B. E. Phillips is the pastor at Pleasant Hill and it did our heart good to hear many expressions of love from the Pleasant Hill members.

Although it was not their preaching day (they have half time) Pastor Phillips arranged an extra service and a good crowd came out to hear us explain the EF plan. They also assured us that at their next regular service they would adopt it.

They have a thriving W. M. S. led by Mrs. Nellie Little, and the Sunday school is going places with brother W. M. Little as superintendent.

Simpson County has subscribers listed as follows: CORINTH CHURCH 14, Sanatorium 24, BETHLEHEM 31, MAGEE 21, MENDENHALL 54, Braxton 2, Shivers 4, PLEASANT HILL church 30, KENNEDY SPRINGS 29.

Bethlehem Church Simpson County):

After a delightful supper with the Homer Keens we were in fine fettle to present the EF plan to the Bethlehem saints. And after observing one of the very best B. T. U.'s we've seen in a long time we know that all they needed was an invitation to adopt the EF plan. They did.

New Hebron:

We presented the EF plan at New Hebron and a prominent member came up at the close of the service and said, "That's a good plan and we are going to have it if I have to pay for it myself."

Rev. B. E. Phillips has been pastor at New Hebron about twenty years and is still growing in the esteem of the people.

Being a dinner guest in his home, we deferred reducing until later.

New Hebron supports all the Baptist work in a fine way under the wise leadership of Pastor Phillips.

Lawrence County has subscribers as follows: Wanilla 1, NEW HEBRON 41, SILVER CREEK 39 and 2 R. F. D., Society Hill 1, Monticello 8, Antioch 8, Fair River 6, Oakvale 2, Verna 2, Jayess 2, Spring Hill 3, OLD SILVER CREEK 21.

Bowmar Avenue, Vicksburg:

Bowmar Avenue Church had one of its best years last year, reporting an increase of \$600 over the previous year. (The EF plan does help.)

Dr. J. M. Cook is the pastor and under his wise leadership, things move in a steady and progressive way.

Two new W. M. S. circles have been organized during the past year, the Sunday school led by Superintendent Tillman Whatley is growing and B. T. U. Director C. L. Ates reports the same about his work.

Bowmar Avenue has operated during 1938 without help from the State Board and likes it.

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WANTED

Your Sunday school and B. T. U. attendance. Just mail to the Baptist Record a postcard with the name of the church and the number at Sunday school and at B. T. U. Mail this on Sunday night if possible and not later than Monday morning.

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MORE PROOF

The EVERY FAMILY plan does help. Below we give a few items clipped from the recent issues of the Record concerning churches that do have the EF plan.

"Our crowds have grown and our men have organized a Baptist Brotherhood . . . "Taylorsville.

"The Inverness B. T. U. is making progress."

"We are glad to add to the list of Standard

Sunday school for this year the one from Union."

"Blackwater church in Kemper County has just organized a B. T. U. with forty active members."

Rocky Creek Church, George County—Sunday, November 6th, was one of the best days we have had all this year. Large congregations at all the services. Much larger at the evening service, than usual. The spirit is fine. In fact it seems that we are making progress. I think our choir is the largest and best that I have seen in a country church. Our B. T. U. is one of the best in the county with an enrollment of 75. I think Rocky Creek is the best church in the association. Some of the finest people to be found anywhere. Our membership is even 400, and we read the Record 100%. We believe in our folk, and they are responding very nicely.—Earl Brooks, Pastor.

"The report of the Forest Baptist Church to Scott County Association showed 66 additions during the year and an increase of 24 in the average attendance in Sunday school."

"The Sunday school attendance at Woodville has increased about 20% and our B. T. U. 30%."

"The Sunday school at Crystal Springs averaged 367 in attendance in October, the highest in the history of the church. And they are going on."

First Church, Longview, Texas, has in the six years of Dr. J. L. Whorton's pastorate received 4,467 members, 1,307 by baptism, which is thought to be the largest of any Southern Baptist church in this period. Contributions have totaled \$263,878.70, of which \$73,779.15 went to missions.

Skene church has reorganized the G. A.'s with Mrs. R. H. Hayes as leader.

The Intermediate G. A.'s have been organized under the leadership of Miss Clara Mae Latham. The Junior R. A.'s is a new organization led by Mrs. A. E. Rogers.

"The work at Tunica continues to grow regularly. The Sunday school has had a splendid growth. Additions come regularly. The Men's Bible class has increased more than 100%."

"Sunday was a high day with West Laurel Church . . ."

"We have just launched a building program at Sardis."—Henry L. Byrd, Pastor.

"Lucedale issues 72 study course awards."

The EF plan does help. Other churches desiring to enjoy the benefits of this plan are invited to come in.

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Pastors H. L. Martin and William O. Beaty of Senatobia and Coldwater exchanged pulpits last Sunday evening as an expression of neighborly goodwill and both services were greatly enjoyed. Deacon M. S. Dougherty presided over the service at Coldwater and Deacon E. E. Moore was in charge at Senatobia.

Rev. C. S. Thomas resigned Sunday the pastorate of Itta Bena Church, effective Jan. 15. It is his purpose to locate on a place which he has bought on Highway 51 just above Grenada and preach to churches within that territory. We understand he has been called to Derma for two Sundays. He has made a good record in the years of service at Itta Bena.

"Romans Verse By Verse" is a commentary on the great Epistle of Paul by Wm. R. Newell, published by Grace Publications, Inc., of Chicago. It is what the title indicates an exegesis of Romans taking each verse in the epistle and making clear the meaning. It is the sort of book you would like to have when you are preparing a Sunday school lesson or discourse on a given paragraph in Romans; not a book to be read lightly but studied seriously. The author is thoroughly sympathetic with the teaching of Paul and saturated with his theology, and so is capable of interpreting him. A careful examination of the book will show that he is true to the great teaching of the great apostle. It is the work of close study and yet is understandable by all. It is said that 3,000 copies were shipped out within five weeks after publication. It is a book of 600 pages and sells for \$1.50.

WELL-ROUNDED WORSHIP

Howard E. Spell

Resume of a talk on the subject "A Well-Rounded Worship Service" made before the Central Mississippi Pastors' Conference and prepared for printing at the request of that body.

In order for one to plan a well-rounded worship service it is necessary to have a clear understanding of the function or purpose of worship services. There are many Christians who live close enough to the Lord to maintain the spirit of worship in their hearts. For these public worship services are not as necessary as for the vast majority of Christians. However much people may differ in their ideas as to the function of worship, almost all will agree that a worship service should possess, among other things, the following aims. (1) It should satisfy the inner craving for social contacts and religious fellowship. Since in some sections of the country people seldom see their friends except when they meet at the Lord's house, this provides an excellent opportunity for social and religious fellowship under conditions conducive to the highest ideals. (2) The worship service should give to people Scriptural instruction to the end that there may be a deepening of convictions and a greater sympathy and interest in the program of their church. Unless people are informed about the work of their church, they cannot be expected to be very enthusiastic about it. (3) An opportunity for worshipful problem solving should be considered as one of the functions of worship. This does not mean that a worshipper is to spend his time during a service thinking over his problems, but that the service should produce a state of mind and heart conducive to seeing things through the eyes of God. (4) The individual worshipper may have had his faith shaken and weakened in his experiences during the week and a worship service should reinforce his faith in God. (5) It should also bring a sense of peace and inspiration thus alleviating fear, worry, doubt, and anxiety. It seems impossible for some people not to worry, but the worship service ought to draw one near enough to the Master that cares may be cast on Him. (6) All individuals pass through experiences which destroy their perspectives and make them unfit properly to estimate values. The worship service should disentangle one from the cares of the world long enough to give him new perspectives that the world may no longer seem bigger than God.

If these are some of the aims of worship, the materials of worship should be so arranged and handled as to help produce the desired results. The question has been raised in some circles as to whether or not the pastor in arranging worship services has emphasized the sermon to the neglect of the other parts of the service. This does not mean that the preacher is necessarily preaching too long, but that other elements of the worship service have been underemphasized.

The most commonly used materials of worship are the Bible, prayer, the sermon, music, church ordinances, offering, testimony, quiet meditation, physical adornments, and church bulletins. Concerning these the following general suggestions may prove helpful. The Bible should certainly receive its proper emphasis that the worshipper may realize it contains the mind and heart of God. It can be used in responsive readings, in concert recitation of Scripture passages, in the reading of the passages on which the sermon is based, and by reading or quoting passages throughout the sermon. "Thus saith the Lord" was often on the lips of Jesus and should be the basis of the preacher's message.

Prayer will have a central place in a good worship service and should grow out of careful preparation. General preparation will include the habit of private prayer, a study of the prayers of others (not for simple memorization), and a reading of devotional classics. Immediate preparation will be concerned with a survey of the needs of the congregation, the formation of a definite plan to avoid repetition and to secure unity. The frequent writing of prayers will help

to insure the desired qualities. It is true we do not "pray to be heard of men," but men hear nevertheless and prayers should be the outgrowth of careful preparation as to thought and language.

In the majority of worship services the sermon is the most emphasized part of the service. Since this is true, it should avoid professionalism, sensationalism, poor preparation or anything else which will hinder its contribution to worship. The pastor will want to see to it that the sermon is Scriptural—possessed of authoritativeness, personal, urgent—appealing to the volitional nature of the worshipper, and adaptable to each hearer. Back of all this there must be an earnestness of spirit and a passion for the lost.

Music has been called "the mood-maker." One of its chief values is seen in the opportunity it gives the congregation to have a part in the service. Thus it gives a medium for the expression of thought and emotion. As to its use in worship suffice it to say that those whose duty it is to select hymns should select appropriate hymns whose message is true to the Bible and whose rhythm is conducive to worship.

The church ordinances and the offering can be so handled as to make genuine contributions to worship. They should be conducted simply, impressively, and with a minimum of disturbance and confusion.

The vital personal experiences of the early Christians was the most powerful means of spreading Christianity. So today personal testimony can be a great help in the worship service. Its chief value lies in recalling to the worshipper his own experience and in prompting others to seek experiences. On the other hand it has its dangers. It can lead one to become too introspective thus producing a morbidness that may prove harmful to the individual. When told too frequently, the testimony may become dull and lifeless, leading to an unconscious insincerity.

A period of silent meditation can be used to good advantage in worship services. It provides a time in which the worshipper can listen to God.

Physical adornments of some types may be frowned on, but copies of paintings by some of the great masters depicting Bible characters, stained glass windows, soft lighting and such can make a vital contribution to worshipful reverence in God's house.

Churches or pastors who prepare church bulletins should think of them as more than just bulletin boards or lists of announcements. Their orders of services do much to avoid confusion and do away with the necessity for oral announcements, but their value does not cease there. Devotional paragraphs, poems, brief mottoes and such keep the individual's thoughts in right channels.

Right handling of these materials of worship will greatly repay both leaders and worshippers.

The Tennessee Convention, like the Mississippi Convention appointed a committee to consider for one year a plan for providing for old preachers, and report to the Convention in 1939.

Take it seriously when any brother or sister through the Baptist Record asks for your help in prayer. Prayer is the greatest instrument of power entrusted to any man. It is our privilege and duty to use it. The request for prayer is not simply a gesture of good will, and our praying should be done seriously, and not be merely a compliment paid a friend.

Texas Baptists and perhaps those of one or two other states have what is known as a "Baptist Foundation." It is a chartered board made up of Baptist people whose business it is to receive gifts for use in every Baptist cause, which are to be invested and the interest used in the promotion of the causes specified by the giver. At the recent meeting of the Tennessee Convention a resolution was introduced providing for such a foundation, but whether or not it was adopted by the Convention is not clear from the published report. The purpose of such a foundation is security and perpetuity and economical and efficient administration for the uses indicated in the charter.

HOME

His quest beguiles the man
To dream of mystic calm,
And toilsome labors plan
To gain Lethean balm.

He longs for phantom port,
A land of fairy tow'rs,
Where spicy zephyrs sport
About the magic bow'rs.

He parts from wealth sublime
That fainting men may please;
He leaves his wonted clime,
And sails uncharted seas.

He finds the far unknown,—
Explores the ocean's realm;—
But life, at length, is flown,
And storms his soul o'erwhelm!

Now seek the fireside's glow
Where happy voices blend;
Forget the outside snow:—
Life's maze of troubles end!

Affection's native haunt
May well your needs supply;
Can sate the human want,
And worldly chill defy.

That cottage hid away
Beside the mountain stream
Is calling all today
To live their fondest dream.

I see a modest soul,
Enchanting love, arise,
And bid my throbbing soul
Embark into her eyes.

A Christian home to tend,
And worthy children rear
Our ev'ry force we bend,—
And live without a fear!

Upon devotion's mount
Beneath the cotter's dome,
Below the Gospel fount
I make my humble home.

—Mark Lowry

Wesson, Miss.

THE RADIO AND RELIGION

By B. E. Phillips

The radio is now a great means of transmitting information. There is a passage of scripture which says, "The children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light." This seems to be true as to the radio. I have one in my home and like it but I do not like many of the programs given over it. I seldom hear a religious program or sermon. I believe our Baptist people are letting a great opportunity religiously pass by. I wish our Sunday School Board would purchase a broadcasting station and use it in having some one preach over it every day. Give religious programs, advertise religious books, let our colleges advertise over it, encourage church attendance, propagate our Baptist principles, give out denominational information, and thus do our best to glorify God over the air.

We are doing much talk about a revival. It seems to me the radio used in the right way would be a mighty factor for good in helping promote a revival. There are multiplied thousands of people in our country who never hear the gospel or anything religious. The radio would reach thousands of these. I shall write to Dr. Holcomb and suggest a consideration of this matter. If hundreds of our people would so write him he would know our interest and would doubtless call his board members to a careful consideration of this matter.

New Hebron, Miss.

In South Carolina the Baptist Convention considered the question of having a Department of Evangelism and a Superintendent of Evangelism. The whole matter was referred to their General Board with power to act.

GOD'S ELECTING LOVE

A. D. Muse, Evangelist, Memphis, Tenn.

The following is almost verbatim as given in a recent discussion of the subject, in response to a question, in a meeting at Tutwiler, Miss. Many people asked that it be published.

The first question we want to raise in order to get as clear understanding of the subject as possible, before us, is, "Does the Bible Teach it?" The Gospel of John is full of it. A resume of all in the book of John on election would take too much time. The book of Acts is full of it. The book of Romans is full of it. The first chapter of Ephesians is all election. First Thessalonians is full of it. So with Second Thessalonians. Then First Peter is full of it. That the Bible teaches election no man can fail to see.

There are three attitudes one can take toward it. One is that he does not understand it, hence takes no interest in it. Such an attitude will leave all the Bible untouched by every Christian. Spiritual babes can understand but little of the Word. The more intelligent the grasp of deep and difficult doctrines the more stable the faith and the deeper and richer the experience of the believer.

Another attitude is that he does not believe it. Well no one has to believe it to be saved. But no one can properly evaluate saving grace until he does go back to God's own sovereign act in the distribution of grace. Grace is not grace until it finds its origin in in God's sovereign initiative in salvation. This sovereign initiative is exercised in proper and divine balance with His attributes and characteristics of holiness, righteousness, and love and not abstractly separated from them. Combined with these, no injustice can be done any one, no unrighteousness is done any one and no love is withdrawn from any one. Yet regardless of how the doctrine may be perverted in the thinking of some people due to a failure to consider the doctrine in the light of all the attributes of God's entire personality and character, it is the only view that will carry grace back to where it is all grace. Grace is not grace until it rests with the personal initiative of God. Dr. Gambrell used to tell of a lady who said to him, "Dr. Gambrell, I like the Baptists but there is one thing I just can't get on to." "What is that my sister?" Expecting it to be close communion. "That is this election business. I can't see that." "Well, sister are you saved?" he asked. "Yes sir, I am saved." "Well I think you are too," he replied. "Well I want to ask you a question: Did God save you or did you save yourself?" he asked.

She paused a minute and said: "Why God saved me."

"Well tell me sister, was it an accident or did he do it on purpose?" And that is election!

But one of the questions that has come up in the minds of the people sending up the questions about this doctrine is that of children dying in infancy.

Let us imagine we had a blackboard here. I wish we did have. Now let us put up a big circle over here to our left. Let us write across that "All Children Dying In Infancy." Now write right under that "Never Lost!" Hence "not saved but safe." They have never sinned. It is "The soul that sinneth shall die." But the babe has never sinned hence is never lost. Hence the babe is safe. Election has nothing to do with them. Election has to do with people who are lost, not people who are safe.

We can spend a full hour now talking about God's attitude and purpose toward, love for and interest in all mankind, before we come to the next step. That purpose is one of infinite graciousness to any member of the human race apart from their faith in the atoning death of Jesus Christ.

Now in our mind let us draw another large circle up here to the right of the first circle. Now let us write across that circle "All Conscious Hence Morally Responsible Persons." Under that we must write "All Have Sinned," and "Dead In Tresspasses and In Sins." There are pages of like scriptures! Now let one thing grip our hearts. These are sinners. These are sin-

ners and they are dead. If they are ever saved some merit outside themselves has got to commend them to God and stand surety for them at the judgment. Not only so, but these are devoid of spiritual life, hence incapable of availing themselves of whatever merit outside themselves may have been provided. If they ever lay hold of the atoning merits of the death of Jesus Christ some power from outside themselves has got to come into them and do the enabling act within. That is the begetting work of the Holy Spirit. Jesus said, "No man can come unto me except the Father which sent me shall draw him." Again Jesus said, "All that the Father giveth me shall come unto me," and again, "He that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out." There everything rests upon the begetting work of the Holy Spirit in the heart of the individual.

Now over here to the right of that second circle let us write another big circle and then let us write across it "The Assembly In Glory—The Church of the First Born—The Redeemed of the Ages." Now "God for the first time hath visited the Gentiles to take out of them a people for 'His Name.'" "A people"—certainly implies a definite number. "Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of the glory of his grace wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved," (Eph. 1:5-6).

There is not one single person in that second circle that is ever saved and brought over into that third circle but whose salvation had its origin in the purpose of God. For God's Holy Spirit does not extend the effectual call of quickening grace to all, else there would be millions in hell with a new nature. But you are not prepared to receive that unless you remember this: every person in that second circle is there because he is a sinner. Justice condemns him to eternal banishment from God's presence. There is not one in that third circle because he deserves it. I am not saved because I deserve to be saved. God did not owe me salvation. God owed me eternal damnation. And so with every conscious and morally responsible soul. The only justice for every soul in that second circle is damnation. They can not be saved from damnation at the expense of justice. Hence the atonement. The atonement is objective, legal, propitiatory and substitutionary. But the atonement must be voluntarily and personally availed before it can prevail. Hence the initiative of the Holy Spirit in quickening, making alive, begetting the sinner's heart. The Holy Spirit must work enabling faith.

Let us now look at two Arminian stock illustrations. The first one is: Here is a great river overflowed, out over all the lowlands and over many high places. Thousands of stock and millions of property and many human lives are being destroyed. A father stands on a bridge with a rope and as his children go floating by he chooses to reach down and get this one. The next one he chooses to let him drown and so on, saving some and not saving others. Now the objection to that whole illustration is God is not saving children. They are not his children and he is not their Father. "Predestinated unto the adoption of children." God is saving hell-deserving criminals in order to make them sons.

Here is an illustration absolutely in point. Here are two men. They are both over here at Parchman sentenced to be hung. They are both to be hung the same day for the same crime. Now for reasons absolutely satisfactory to himself, the governor chooses to extend a reprieve to one while he leaves the other to go to the scaffold and hang. Did he do the one left an injustice? Why he is the only man who got justice. And the man who gets justice with God is the man who goes to hell. The other man got mercy. And brother that is what I got, mercy!

Throughout all eternity all I can ever say is "O, to grace how great a debtor."

The governor did not owe either one of them a reprieve. God did not owe me salvation. God owed me eternal damnation. He chose to give me salvation—grace! There is not a saint in

glory who deserves to be there. There is not a saint in glory but who deserves to be in hell! There is not a saint in glory but who is there by the sovereign grace of God in His electing love "according to the pleasure of his good will" and "to the praise of the glory of His grace." God did not save us for our sake. He saved us for the praise of the glory of His grace.

Second Arminian illustration: I have a hen out here that's going to set. I have a certain place I want her to set. She wants to set somewhere else. I decorate and fix up the place I want her to set and make it so attractive until she chooses to set there. But that whole illustration fails. The application is that we make the gospel so attractive and Christ so beautiful until the sinner just naturally wants to come to Jesus. There is nothing in a hen to know anything about beauty and attractiveness. In that case you have to work on the aesthetic tastes of the hen first. And that is the beginning of grace. The Holy Spirit works on the spiritual powers of taste of the sinner first. He puts a new heart within him first. We have dressed the gospel down to the low taste of unregenerated men until we have decoyed every kind of barnyard fowl and some not barnyard into the church. And that is the curse of modern evangelism. We are spending our time calling a vast multitude that God has never chosen. My brethren, my Baptist brethren; you can believe it or leave it. You can like it or dislike it. But the vast, vast portion of evangelism today rests wholly upon Arminianism and is Arminian in foundation and in method and in results for every revival is usually followed by a "falling away first." And the pastors are to blame for it and the people are to blame for it. They call a man for a meeting only by the one who can show the wildest stampede into the churches. Brethren I have been in this thing a long time. I have tried to be honest with immortal souls and with the churches and with the grace of God. I know that you can't stampede people into salvation. People have to come into the light of the gospel before they can be saved. They are by nature blind to the gospel, and their every concept of religion is utterly foreign to the first semblance of the Spirit and grace of God. And it takes time and lots of time and preaching and preaching and preaching and lots of preaching. And my blessed Lord knows I am not defending myself nor commending myself. I am pleading for something deep and eternal now. When a soul comes into the light of the gospel and the fulness of the meaning of the gospel breaks in on his heart, that man is coming out of there and make public confession of Christ. And you don't have to pull and beg and twist and pull and beg and twist and sing and sing and play trick after trick. I think I have a record that will compare favorably as an evangelist. I say that in all Christian modesty. God forbid I should ever pull and beg and persuade.

But back! The question is raised: What about "Whosoever will." Just one answer, "Who is going to will?"

No man can will until God's Holy Spirit operates within "to will and to do."

A man just deciding to accept Christ and be a Christian and join the church and live a good life is not salvation. It is not salvation, I don't care if he lives a most exemplary life of loyal service from there on out. Salvation does not start with a man just making up his mind. There is something vastly deeper and infinitely more meaningful than that. And that something is the regenerating, birthing again, the enabling act of the Holy Spirit in the heart and in the very innermost moral consciousness of the individual which results in repentance and forsaking of all sin and all self righteousness and receiving for himself alone and only the finished work of Jesus Christ. And such an act is done only in those whom He hath chosen before the foundation of the world according to his good pleasure.

Dr. Wallace Rogers, pastor First Church, Vicksburg, addressed the ministerial association of Mississippi College Friday evening of last week.

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Please do not forget the aged ministers as you plan for the Christmas cheer of others. Write to this office for the name of one to remember. They are God's own servants and He will supply their every need through others. Will you be the channel through whom He will bless them?

It is nearing time for our Week of Prayer and I'm sure each of you realize how important it is to give each woman the privilege of having a part before sending in your offering. Be sure to mark your gift for "Lottie Moon Offering."

CENTER HILL CHURCH

The Monroe County W. M. U. met October 13th with Center Hill. A fine program was given, but the most interesting of all was the address delivered by our own Jane Pinnix on the high spots of the W. M. U. for the past 50 years.

Each felt that there was much for to do and many rededicated themselves to do more for the Master in the future.

This was Jane's home, she was born and reared in this community. Attended this church all her life; graduated from Hamilton High School, and taught one year in this school. From this community in which she had lived all her life she went to Mississippi College, Clinton, and from there to the W. M. U. Training School, Louisville, Kentucky.

May God's richest blessings be hers, is the prayer of those who love and know her best.

Mrs. Isaac W. Rye.

SCRIPTURAL QUESTIONNAIRE FOR PERSONAL SERVICE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS

Why Am I in This Work?

Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain; that whatsoever ye ask of the Father in My name, He may give it you.—John 15:16.

What Work Am I Trying to Do?

Thy Kingdom Come. May God give it to each one of us.

When Will the Kingdom Come?

Thy will be done.

What is an ideal life? "A man after God's own heart, who will fulfill all My law."

What is the object of life? "I come to do Thy will, O God."

What food do you need? "My meat is to do the will of Him who sent Me."

Will I be lonely? "He that doeth the will of My Father in Heaven, the same is My brother and sister and mother."

Do you want pleasure? "I delight to do Thy will, O God."

What is the result of such a life? "He that doeth the will of God abideth forever."

What Should We Expect?

We look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not soon: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.—II Cor. 4:18.

How Can We Do This?

If our plans are not for time, but for eternity, our knowledge, and therefore our love to God, to each other, to everything, will grow forever. And the attainment of this Heavenly wisdom requires neither ecstasy nor revelation, but prayer and watchfulness, and observation, and deep and solemn thought.

What About Results?

"Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in Heaven."

Do You Ever Get Discouraged?

If you lose heart about your work, remember that none of it is lost—that the good of every good deed remains and breeds and works on forever, and that all that fails and is lost is the outside shell of the thing, which, perhaps, might have been better done; but better or worse has nothing to do with the real spiritual good which you have done to human hearts.

—(Sent by Mrs. Whitaker, Southwide Chairman, to our State Convention, Mrs. E. A. Smith.)

The Lottie Moon Christmas offering was taken by the Y. W. A. Wednesday night as the girls met in individual circles. The goal that was set for this year was \$145.60. At the writing of this article \$175.60 had been received, and there were still some who planned to contribute.

The offering was presented Thursday morning in Morning Watch by the circle leaders dressed as Wise Men. A Christmas program was given, including Christmas carols, the Magnificat, read by Grace Philpot dressed as Mary, and the presentation of the offering.—Tom Womack, Reporter, Blue Mountain College B. S. U.

OUR GREATEST FORWARD STEP J. E. DILLARD

The Cooperative Program with the Every Member Canvass is the greatest forward step in Kingdom finance Southern Baptists have ever taken.

There was a time when we had no plan; "every man did that which was right in his own eyes."

Then came the Donation Plan; the people just "gave" to the preacher as they felt like it. A great many didn't feel like it and the pastor had to make a living otherwise.

Then came the Pay Plan; the laborer was worthy of his hire, and the pastor was frequently looked upon as a hired man to be hired and fired as any other servant.

Then came the Spasmodic Plan; various causes were presented by agents, the one getting before a church first and making the most pathetic appeal usually got the largest collection irrespective of relative needs.

But many causes were crowded out and some did not get before the churches even once a year, so the Wheel Plan came into vogue. By this plan special periods were set apart for the causes so that within the year all causes could be presented without conflict and overlapping. The results were more satisfactory; but rainy days and muddy roads and other contingencies militated against its success.

Finally came the Cooperative Program Plan; all causes are included; each cause receives in proportion to its relative need; members subscribe for all causes at one time; the subscriptions are paid weekly. This is equitable, economical, sane and scriptural. Let's put it on prayerfully, patiently, persuasively and persistently, and try to get all of our people supporting all our work.

We hope we get this straight this time. The contribution of the First Church, Canton, Miss., for the past year to missions was \$2,700.50. Of this \$1,800 was given through the Cooperative Program.

Secretary Ickes is said to have advised students in the University of California to take no advice from anybody older than themselves. We hope they begin with that from Ickes.

South Carolina Baptist Convention met this year in the meeting house of First Baptist Church, Columbia, in which the Secession Convention of the state met in December 1860.

WAR

War is the work of demons in disguise
Who feast their souls on honor foully slain;
Whose ears find symphonies in cries of pain
While vicious means of carnage they devise.
Slaying of innocents they authorize,
With joy the soul of virtue they profane;
The tears of wives and sweethearts they disdain
Lest mercy should prevail for blue tint skies.

War feasts on rapine and illgotten gold;
Its heart is greed, rapacious avarice,
And sheds blood freely with impassioned zest.
God grant us grace and wisdom manifold
To make each heart a royal edifice
Enthroning gallant peace in every breast.

Wm. J. Robinson.

Alabama and Oklahoma Baptists both unanimously approved the ministers' retirement plan of the Annuity Board.

There are 171 ministerial students in Baylor University. Last year the ministerial students of Baylor reported 2,671 professions of faith in their meetings, and 1,598 baptisms.

Pastor W. A. Hewitt will have Gipsy Smith, Jr., with him in a five days meeting December 14-18. Prof. Chester Swor will precede him in a three days meeting.

Now is the time you are planning your Christmas presents. In many cases the best present you could give would be a year's subscription to the Baptist Record. We will send your card in the first copy.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Burns of Farmhaven Baptist Church are sending the Baptist Record during December to 42 families in the church as a Christmas present. They wish for them a merry Christmas and happy New Year. The church voted to include the Record in the budget for 1939.

Paul Church in Tallahatchie County was burned on Sunday morning after the eleven o'clock service had started. There was no water and no ladder near the church and the people were practically helpless. But a fine spirit is shown by Pastor J. R. G. Hewlett and the membership. Plans are already made for a better equipped church. Labor and lumber will be contributed and they hope to have the house enclosed so that it can be used in January.

The annual meeting of the Baptist State Convention Board began Monday evening at First Church, Jackson. The devotional service was led by Dr. J. N. McMillin who read I Cor. 13 and called on Dr. J. B. Quin to lead in prayer. The officers elected are J. D. Davis of Greenville President, M. P. L. Love of Hattiesburg Vice-president, and W. E. Lee Secretary. Dr. R. B. Gunter was re-elected Corresponding Secretary. The W. M. U. representatives presented their list of officers which are the same as last year. A Policy Committee was appointed to recommend aid for Dr. Gunter. The State Mission appropriation for next year was fixed at \$35,000 the same as this year. The usual committees were appointed, including one on Evangelism. A fuller report will have to be made next week.

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TUTWILER REVIVAL

The Baptist Church of Tutwiler
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acity of purpose, his humility and
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better preacher. He is safe and
sound on the gospel and the Lord
uses him as His servant in a fine
way. We are rejoicing that the
Lord sent him our way.

F. O. Martin, Pastor.

The ninth national convention of
evangelists and Christian workers
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renz Avenue, Dayton, Ohio, is con-
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Jackson, First Church	1087
Jackson, Griffith Memorial	751
Jackson, Parkway	341
Jackson, Davis Memorial	233
Jackson, Van Winkle	96
West Laurel Church	488
Utica Church	134
Columbus, First Church	662
Inverness Church	103

Vicksburg, First Church	510
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The First Baptist Church of Sal-
isbury, N. C., has a good reason to
rejoice. Recently they burned a \$20,-
000.00 mortgage and they have just
closed a blessed season of revival
services, with Dr. Zeno Wall of
Shelby, N. C. as the visiting evan-
gelistic. Dr. Arch C. Cree, the pas-
tor waxes warm in his apprecia-
tion and commendation of Dr. Wall
as a great pastor-evangelist, who
most effectively feeds the sheep
and builds up the church while he
persuasively reaches out after the
lost.—Church Secretary.

—BR—

J. B. Black, Murfreesboro, Tenn.,
president of the National Blue
Mountain College Alumnae Associa-
tion, visited the campus November
23 and spoke at general assembly.
—T. W.

—BR—

Mother: "You got everything all
right, dear, but did you ask the
grocer how he sold his limburger
cheese?"

Buddy: "Yes, mother, and he said
that's what he often wondered him-
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B. T. U. DEPARTMENT

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month in March; district conven-
tions in June; Mississippi Baptist
Assembly, Ridgecrest Ammesbly,
and Baptist World Alliance in July;
the evangelistic program for 1939;
a program of study using mission
study books in August; the State B.
T. U. convention, to be held at
Griffith Memorial Baptist Church,
Jackson, at the Thanksgiving sea-
son.

Officers for the coming year were
elected as follows:

President—Rev. R. D. Pearson,
Macon.

Vice-President—Rev. H. A. Scott,
Tylertown.

Secretary—Mrs. P. T. Smith, Itta
Bena.

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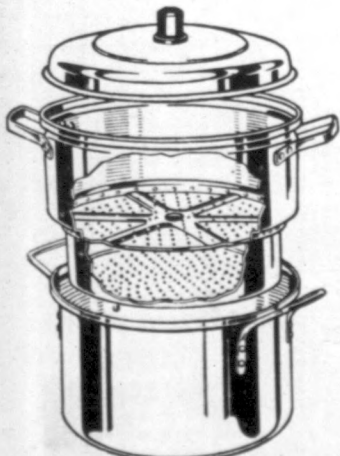
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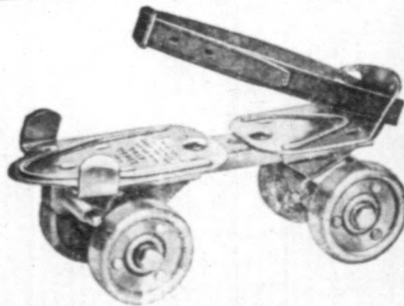
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Sunday School Lesson

By HIGHT MOORE

THE SIN OF COVETOUSNESS

Exodus 20:17; Luke 12:13-21;

I Timothy 6:6-10

The Tenth Commandment forbidding the sin of covetousness was disregarded and disobeyed by a greedy brother who sought the help of Jesus in settling a disputed family inheritance, but it was carefully taught by Paul in his letter to Timothy who evidently heeded it with his unselfish and sacrificial life.

Notes Analytical and Expository

1. "Thou Shalt Not Covet." The sin of covetousness is forbidden by God. The right of brotherhood is recognized in the Tenth Commandment. The duty to be unselfish is definitely implied. The worst foe of fraternity is greed. Indeed, what a fire of waste and woe has covetousness kindled in the world! It has blighted and blasted individuals, neighborhoods, and nations the earth over and the ages through. But the spirit of greed is out of place in the realm of the good. There should be the hand of help instead of the eye of envy, fraternity rather than antagonism, brotherhood and not illiberality, aloofness, and indifference. "Thou shalt not covet."

2. "Keep Yourselves from All Covetousness." The sin of covetousness is destructive to man. When Jesus was asked to settle an inheritance dispute between two brothers he declined with a word of warning and a parable of woe. (1) He gave a warning against covetousness. Money is a good slave but a bad master. Property belongs in the purse or the bank but not in the heart. Wealth has its place and its power, but it is not entitled to occupy the throne or sway the scepter. Covetousness puts money above manhood. It shackles its devotee and makes him its victim. It hardens the heart and deadens the noble impulses and destroys the vital qualities of life. Everybody should beware of covetousness in every phase and form. All should keep themselves from it through vigilance and prayer and self-control and discipline. With all diligence of mind and heart "take heed." The reason is ample and imperative. Life is not a matter of dollars and cents, houses and lands, earning capacity and financial achievement. Life is a larger and better, infinitely larger and better thing; and happy are they who reach and realize it to the full! (2) Jesus gave in the parable of the rich fool the woe upon covetousness. There was the wealthy land-owner in the midst of great prosperity. He was engaged in an honorable business. He was exposed to few temptations. He was not a monster in character, but a man whose leading trait has been duplicated a million times over. Apparently he was talented and economical, industrious and prudent, honest and moral in all his dealings. Yet he climbed the sweaty slope of toil to the summit of worldly suc-

cess only to find himself on the edge of a yawning abyss. He laid his plans without God. He measured success by broad fields and full barns. He did not reckon on the uncertainty of life. He planned to feed his soul on unsatisfying vanities. His life was wrapped up in riches which centered in himself. But God spoke the word of doom. The plan that embraced many years were cut short by an immediate death sentence. The property he had amassed must now slip through his hands to be parleyed over, scattered and squandered. Thus fell the sudden blade of justice that night, and into a darker night went forth the soul of the rich farmer from his fair estate. Foolish are they who accumulate only for the earthly life, ignoring the infinite existence beyond the grave.

3. "Contentment Is Great Gain."

The sin of covetousness may be conquered or counteracted. Hear Paul teach Timothy how to avoid greed. There was then as now a wrong view of godliness as "a source of gain" or as "a paying concern." As a matter of fact, it does pay but not necessarily in worldly goods. Godliness is highly gainful when contentment accompanies it. The contented spirit is satisfied with food and clothes since we brought nothing into the world and can carry nothing out of it. Certainly we are penniless before birth and after death. On the other hand, "those who are eager to be rich get tempted and trapped" through many foolish, harmful cravings that plunge people into destruction and ruin. Let the love of money take root in the heart, and it will bear evil fruit of all sorts in the life; for out of it grows, not all the evil in the world, but all kinds of evil known to sinful man. Let the man of God fly from these things, shun them, and escape the poison they exhale and the piercing sorrows they bring.

—BR—

OPEN LETTER TO MRS. R. M. APPLEBY
Duck Hill, Miss.,
Nov. 21, 1938.

Mrs. Rosalee Mills Appleby,
Ponte Nova 691,
Bello Horizonte,
Minas, Brazil.

Dear Mrs. Appleby;

I received your letter with reference to the exact date of your baptism. I am sorry to report that the records of Duck Hill Baptist church were destroyed by fire while Mr. Binford was church clerk.

I am glad you read my letter in the Baptist Record.

Greetings from your host of friends in Duck Hill.

Sincerely your friend,
J. E. Heath.

—BR—

A JOYOUS PRAYER MEETING
AT S. T. C.

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Our girls here in the two dormitories have their group prayer meetings every night at 10:00 o'clock. Every Wednesday night just after supper, the girls and boys have their regular weekly prayer meeting. About once a month the students of all three dormitories meet in one building and have their prayer meeting together.

On Wednesday night, November

30, we met in the college auditorium at 6:30. I had been asked to lead the service. Some students had been talking to me about their life calling, so I spoke along that line, using as my scripture part of the tenth chapter of Mark's Gospel. I tried to show them that when poor, blind Bartimaeus called for Jesus, Jesus stopped His journey and called for him. I tried to show them that Bartimaeus came to Jesus blind and went away seeing; came crying and went away laughing; came lost and went away saved. There were about one hundred and thirty-five or forty students present. At the close of the service I extended an invitation to any who had felt a definite call from God to do a definite work for him. Five came—four girls, Florine Miller, Mary Maud Thetford, Edith Scott and Juanita Burris; and one boy, Grover Miller. Three girls expressed the desire to do home mission work, one girl expressed the desire to spend her life in South America. The young man expressed the desire to do a definite work for the Lord. This makes seven that have definitely dedicated their lives to the Lord since June 9—six girls and one boy. Four have made a public profession of faith and united with the church since the opening of our fall quarter September 14. I think many others will surrender before the session is over.

Quite a few students are magnifying Christ on our campus. Remember us in your prayers.

C. S. Moulder,
Baptist Student Secretary

"Jackie, your face is fairly clean, but how did you get such dirty hands?" said the boy's mother.

"Washin' me face," said the boy.

—BR—

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He: "It must be. Fifty million insects can't be wrong."—Ex.

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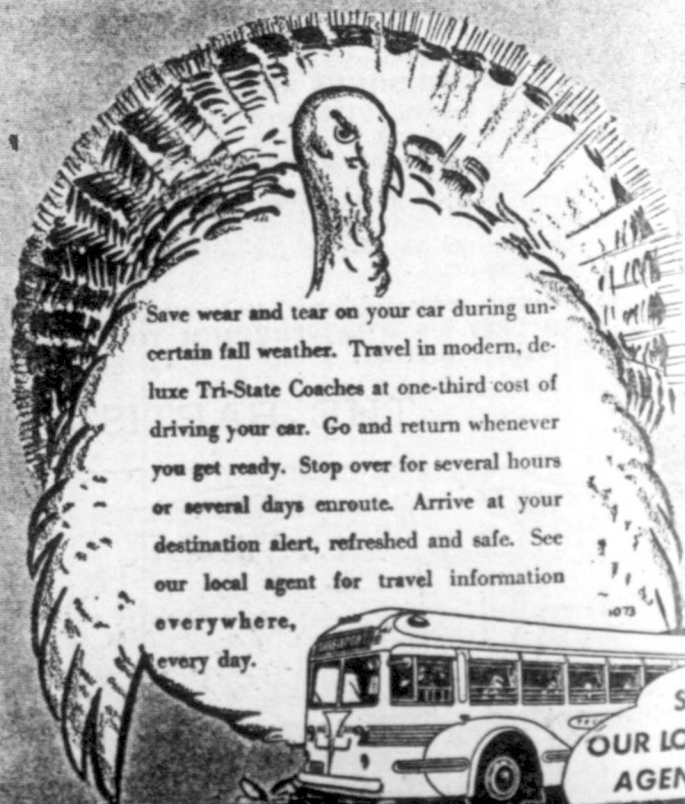
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Fall Training

Many Sunday schools over the state have surely been using these fall months in a great way to promote Sunday school training courses for their people. Many have put on with local talent regular department schools, with the workers of each department studying their own department book. Others have used the general administration books, together with some on the Bible, teaching, etc.

Different plans and methods have been used in having these schools. Some times this is necessary because of the circumstances. The main thing, however, is to have the courses, and do it according to the best plans for each situation. The following is a statement of a very helpful demonstration given in a rural church by some of the workers of the Philadelphia Baptist Sunday school:

"At the invitation of Superintendent Lamkin Clarke of Coldwater church, Neshoba County Association, members of the First Baptist Adult department in Philadelphia gave a demonstration of the work of the organized class officers on Sunday morning. Representatives from several other churches were present at the demonstration, and following the presenting of this feature a round-table discussion was held by Mrs. D. A. (Scotchie) McCall, approved state adult Sunday school worker, in which questions and suggestions regarding making practical the dividing of the men and women into separate classes in rural Sunday schools were considered.

"Those from Philadelphia giving the demonstration represented the Brotherhood and Three V Bible class as follows: E. S. Cole, A. C. Spivey, W. F. Cole, K. Walton, J. J. Crews, Monroe Williams, Bob Singleton, Grady Gipson, M. B. Henley, and others.

"Rev. H. D. Hawkins, associate superintendent of the Sunday school association, presided and introduced those giving the demonstration. Mrs. Hawkins is the secretary of the association. Rev. Henry L. Byrd heads the work for the Sunday school associational organization."

Associational Organization

At the recent meeting of the associations, most of them elected a superintendent of the Sunday school work for the next year. This is in line with the plan we have been working on since the beginning of the Five-Year Program of Southern Baptists, January 1936.

We all realize that if all the Sunday school program is carried to every church, even the most remote one, that it must be done in large measure by the stronger schools helping the weaker ones. To this end we are striving earnestly to get a complete organization in every association, so that there will be one person to stress and emphasize and study the work and plans of each department of work.

GIST OF THE INDIAN MISSION WORK IN MISSISSIPPI

Thirteen years ago this week I moved on this field and in checking up I found there were 254 members of the nine Baptist churches then on the field. Each church had a native (Indian) pastor. There were four Sunday schools. Another one was organized soon after I came, and since that time there has been from five to eight Sunday schools, some of them running throughout the year. At the time I came on the field there were no W. M. U.'s. We now have five unions. The Sunday schools and the Mission Unions have meant much to the ongoing of the work. A few years ago we organized a Sunday school convention which has functioned regularly since its organization. When I came on the field there were seven houses of worship. One of these burned down a few years ago. It was rebuilt. Two others changed locations and built new houses. We have had 254 baptisms since I came here to work. We have lost many of our best members by death. We now have approximately 350 members. We had six ordained preachers, three of whom are dead. One has quit the ministry. We have ordained two preachers and now have four active in the ministry. When I came on the field there were 1100 Indians on the field. Now there are about 2000 in the state. The need for mission work is growing, since there has been a decided increase in their number. During the associational year just closed we had 27 baptisms and quite a number of additions by letter or statement. Will write more later about other phases of the work.

S. E. McAdory, Missionary.

INTERMEDIATE WEEK AT PHILADELPHIA

One of the most glorious weeks of Sunday school work ever spent in the Lord's work was Intermediate week at the First Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Miss., October 2-7. Everything was just right. The people were ready for it. They had prepared for it. The programs were well prepared, good, and very interesting. Enthusiasm and interest were high, and the leader kept this interest and enthusiasm going throughout the week.

Rev. Charlie Webb and his wife drove 68 miles, from Brooksville, to be present at the Sunday afternoon rally. Jack Perkins, educational director, First Baptist Church of Columbus, drove 89 miles to participate in the Monday night and Tuesday night conferences. 31 persons from Oak Grove church in Scott County came over 50 miles to be at the Thursday night meeting, at which there were approxi-

Also, since the special emphasis in 1939 is to be evangelism, it certainly is important to have in each association some one person to lead in this highly important part of it.

If the list of these workers from your association has not yet been completed and sent us, please help us out by doing this as soon as is possible.

mately 100 Intermediates, in addition to the Sunday school workers. This shows to what extent our people are interested in the Lord's work.

Neshoba, Newton, Scott, Lauderdale, Leake, Choctaw, Pearl Valley, Winston, Lowndes, and Noxubee associations sent 34 churches to represent them in the Sunday afternoon rally and the night conferences. About 1500 people were talked to, advised, and helped through group conferences, individual conferences, talks, messages, and demonstrations and exhibitions. Conferences in outlying churches were held. To demonstrate how the most remote one-room church can have a private Intermediate room at a low cost, an exhibit of a curtained-off Intermediate room was set up at the Linwood church where the Neshoba County association was held. The room had a blackboard, bulletin board, class scheme and pennant, class standard of excellence, flowers, and arranged attractively.

Much credit is due our splendid leader Miss Biby who gave such vivid illustrations, helpful ideas, and inspirational thoughts. Scotchie McCall says that the Sunday school's attendance has showed a gain of over 100 every Sunday there at Philadelphia since the special week. Brother McCall and his church really know how to put over a program. They were so good to us, so enthusiastic, so Christ-like.

Marion County is to have an "Intermediate week" the first week in February. Won't you please join with us in prayer for another great week for Jesus' sake? That Christ shall be magnified! —F.

A GIRL'S LIFE SAVED

She is the daughter of a preacher, who has been without work for two or three years; and she is about ten years old. She snagged her arm on a brier, or something of the sort,

making a small, bleeding wound. She bathed the wound in the water of a muddy pond, thus infecting the arm, and in a few days her condition was serious. She was brought to the Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans for treatment, and was here for six or seven weeks. For more than three weeks her life was despaired of. The mother and father were well-nigh frantic. The child suffered horribly. Expensive serums were employed, costing as much as \$72.50 in a week. The girl ultimately recovered and went home; many of us believe because prayer was made along with doctors' and nurses' services. The total cost of the case was many hundreds of dollars; but the poor preacher-father did not have it. He was grateful, but embarrassed. I told him I believed Christian people of the South would gladly contribute to the cost of the case if they knew; and that I would publish the simple facts. I am wondering whether there are those who can help who will do so at this Christmas season?

Louis J. Bristow, Supt.
New Orleans, La.

Toni: "I never loved anyone but you."

Jane: "Nonsense!"

Toni: "You are the light of my life."

Jane: "I've heard that before."

Toni: "I can't live without your love."

Jane: "Foolish talk."

Toni: "If I could only tell you how much I love you!"

Jane: "Think of something new."

Toni: "Will you marry me?"

Jane: "Well, now you're talking."

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The Children's Circle

MRS. FRANCES LIPSEY STEELE

My dear children;

I have just finished making out our financial report for November. You sent in a total of \$34.47. Of this amount, \$20.36 was for the orphanage, \$10.86 for Miss McSween's scholarship, and \$3.25 for the memorial. I can't help being proud of you. I truly hope that you will do even better during our Christmas month.

What have you done toward your Christmas plans? Don't forget that you are going to tell your circle friends what you are going to do toward sharing your Christmas cheer. Or perhaps you would rather tell of a delightful experience you have had in some Christmas past. One of the happiest times in the life of a family I know was one Christmas when they went to their doctor (for he knew everybody for miles around) and asked him to give them the names of the five neediest families near the town where they lived. They wanted families with children, because somehow Christmas in a way belongs to them. What fun this small family had in selecting some good staple groceries, then fruits, nuts, and candy, and possibly some inexpensive toys for the little ones. It took quite a bit of driving and searching as well to find all the places, for the poor homes were in out of the way places on unfamiliar roads. But the searchers were more than repaid for any trouble they had taken when they saw the expressions of wonder, surprise, unbelief and then pure joy come over the faces of those to whom they gave their Christmas boxes. And it was a much happier Christmas for this family than it would have been because they had shared their Christmas cheer.

Besides the offerings sent in the letters for which we are very grateful, we have also received a dollar from our friend, Mrs. E. B. Traylor. We thank her sincerely. Our work would really suffer if it were not for friends like her.

I know you are going to like this story which Miss Margaret Lackey has written for us about the Christmas tree for the nurses at the Baptist Hospital. We appreciate her giving this interesting peep into Christmas there.

With love,
Mrs. Frances Steele.

CHRISTMAS TREE AT BAPTIST HOSPITAL

About this season of the year, our supervisor of nurses, Miss Cade, brings a box in the chapel some morning. This box contains slips of paper, on which is written the name of the entire hospital family. Each one present, including the superintendent, supervisors and nurses, draws a name from this box. This name indicates to the drawee that she is to provide a Christmas present for that person. This gift is to be placed on the tree the night before Christmas. We are supposed not to tell whose name we have drawn. We are limited to a gift costing ten cents.

Right then the thrill of Christmas comes to the hospital!

A tree, usually the gift of some friend, is erected in the sitting room of the nurses home, several days before Christmas. It is decorated by the supervisors and students. It is always a thing of beauty. The gifts are placed thereon by individual donors or by a committee appointed. If you think ten cent gifts cannot make a tree worth beholding, I beg you to stop in some time and take a look at ours. Many gifts are intended to provoke fun; many are useful and all are ornamental.

Santa Claus never fails us. He keeps a suit of his very own here

for convenience, and he knows just the proper time to come forth and deliver the goods. With his usual thoughtfulness he never forgets anyone. If there are those sick in the hospital that need to be remembered, be sure they are. However the tree is for the enjoyment of the nurses.

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Florence, Miss.,
Nov. 21, 1938.

Dear Mrs. Steele;

It has been quite a while since I have written. But I read all the letters every week and enjoy them so much.

I know you will enjoy the Thanksgiving holidays. I'm planning on spending mine at the convention in Jackson.

We (the Intermediate B. Y. P. U. of Hickory Ridge Baptist church) have made up a collection for the orphanage. It is very small, but we send it with our love.

Love to you and circle friends,
Pauline Mullican.

Pauline, we want to thank you and all the other members of your Intermediate B. Y. P. U. for this offering. I know you must have enjoyed the convention.—F. L. S.

—o—
Doddsville, Miss.,
Nov. 21, 1938.

Dear Mrs. Steele;

I am writing to ask you if I may join the Children's Circle? I am a girl thirteen years of age in the eighth grade. This is my first time to write, but I don't believe it will be my last.

Miss Leta Mae Lupo wanted to know what the longest and shortest verses in the Bible are. I think the longest is "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in his should not perish, but have everlasting life," and the shortest, "Jesus wept."

Marguerite Marquis. We are glad to have you as a member of our Children's Circle, Marguerite. Now we will see if the answers you send are satisfactory with Miss Leta Mae.—F.L.S.

—o—
Camden, Miss.,
Nov. 22, 1938.

Dear Mrs. Steele;

I am writing to send you a birthday offering of a dollar and fifty cents from these nephews and myself. It is from Miss Fannie Thornton, Barnette Matlock, Orlando Matlock, Francis Matlock, Julius Ashley Hamilton. Do as you wish with it. We enjoy the Children's Circle very much.

I hope you have a happy Thanksgiving.

Your sincere friend,
Miss Fannie Thornton.

How rich you are in nephews, Miss Thornton! We are very grateful to you and the boys for these birthday offerings. Since you give us the privilege, we shall divide it equally between the orphanage and Miss McSween's scholarship. Thank you for your kind wish. I did have a happy Thanksgiving.—F. L. S.

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Poplarville, Miss.,
Nov. 23, 1938.

Dear Mrs. Steele;

I would like to join the Children's Circle. I have been reading the Children's page every time it comes and I enjoy it very much.

I am eight years old and in the third grade. I like my school too. I go to Sunday school and church

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and enjoy them.

I am sending fifteen cents for the orphanage.

I have four little brothers. You know my grandmother, Mrs. J. A. Lee. She knew you when you were a little girl.

I am thankful for God and Jesus, my dear daddy and mother, Sunday school, church, friends, grandmother, grandfather, home, many kinfolks, my brothers, and everything good.

Your friend,
Virginia Lee.

Virginia, I feel as if I know you for I knew so many of your kinfolks. Your grandmother was a mighty good friend of my mother. We are happy to have you as a member of our circle, and thank you very much for your offering.—F. L. S.

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Leland, Miss.,
Nov. 30, 1938.

My dear Mrs. Steele;

I am enclosing a check for six dollars from the Jeannie Lipsey Club No. 9. This is a Thanksgiving offering to be used on the B. B. I. scholarship for Miss McSween. I am sorry we are late sending it.

I enjoy the Children's Circle and I pray God's richest blessings on you and the work.

With love,
Miss Cynthia Stovall.

How we do appreciate your kind help, Miss Cynthia! We are so glad to hear from you again, for we have been missing you and Mary Adelyn. You and she have been friends of the circle for a long time.—F. L. S.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR NOVEMBER

Received:

Thank offering (to be equally divided between orphanage and scholarship.)

Wanda Marie West	\$.50
Billy Messer	.25
Robert Ross	.25
Jenelle Heath	.10
Annie Louise Dukes	.25
Total	\$ 1.35

Special to Orphanage:

Lewis Myers, Jr.	\$.25
Bettie Sherman Powell	1.00
Bobbie Demaurice Powell	1.00
Joseph Herring Blass	.25
Margaret McWilliams	.10
Elizabeth McWilliams	.10
Virginia McWilliams	.05
"Florida Lipseys"	10.42
"Same Friend," Gloster	.32
Mrs. E. B. Traylor	.50
Von Deen Keys	.05
Billy Ray Keys	.05
Mrs. M. F. Phillips	1.00
Jimmie, Fred, and Max	
Weatherby	.75
Miss Fannie Thornton and	

Barnette, Orlando and	
Francis Matlock and	
Julius Ashley Hamilton	.75
Int. B.Y.P.U. of Hickory	
Ridge Bap. Church	.45
Virginia Lee	.15
F. L. S.	1.50

Total.....\$ 18.69

Special to B. B. I. Scholarship:

Earline Parkerson	\$.10
"Same Friend," Gloster	.33
Mrs. E. B. Traylor	.50
Miss Fannie Thornton and	
nephews	.75
F. L. S.	1.50

Total.....\$ 3.18

J. L. Clubs:

No. 1, F. M. Henley, leader	\$ 1.00
No. 9, Miss C. Stovall, leader	6.00
Quarter-to-Two Club, Mary	
Head	1.00

Total.....\$ 8.00

Memorial Fund:

Miss Fannie Traylor	\$ 1.00
Julia Toy Hewitt	.25
Mrs. E. C. Turner	2.00

Total.....\$ 3.25

Grand Total.....\$34.47

Disbursed:

Check to Mr. Mize	
for Orphanage	\$20.36
Check to Dr. Hamilton	
for scholarship	10.86
Retained in bank for	
memorial	3.25

Grand Total.....\$34.47

B. T. U. ATTENDANCE DEC. 4th

Jackson, First Church	204
Jackson, Griffith Memorial	429
Jackson, Davis Memorial	167
Jackson, Parkway	243
West Laurel Church	231
Immanuel Church	120
Utica Church	60
Columbus, First Church	188
Inverness Church	72
Vicksburg, First Church	143
Brookhaven, First Church	200
Newton Church	134

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West Laurel Church.....64

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A Panoramic Sketch of Our State Training Union Convention

A real Thanksgiving feast was enjoyed by those who attended the Mississippi Training Union Convention, meeting November 23-26, at Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson. The menu offered a variety of good things for their spiritual enjoyment.

First of all, let us meet the personalities who made possible those delightful days. Dr. H. M. King, pastor of the host church, and his assistants and members, by their gracious hospitality, contributed a great deal to the pleasure of the visitors. Naturally, the Wilds need no introduction. Brother R. D. Pearson, Macon, president of the convention, presided over all the sessions in a commendable way. Mr. Walton Lee, secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, served as reporter for our meetings. The speakers on the program included: Dr. J. W. Beagle, field secretary of the Home Mission Board; Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Enete, missionaries to South America; Mr. E. E. Lee, B. T. U. field secretary; Mr. C. Aubrey Hearn, associate secretary and editor in the Training Union department of the Sunday School Board; and Mr. Chester E. Swor, Mississippi College.

The convention was opened Wednesday evening by a song service, including special musical numbers by the Mississippi College Glee Club. Special music also was furnished throughout the entire convention by Mississippi and Hillman Colleges.

President R. D. Pearson's splendid opening address served as an appetizer for the rich feast of things which followed. The uplifting note of inspiration that was prevalent throughout the convention was struck in his address, "Witnessing in Judea," in which brother Pearson reminded us of our responsibility to those in our Judea—the association.

The main course of the feast consisted of many good things. The smiling personality and the sound advice of Mr. E. E. Lee warmed our hearts as he spoke to us on the subject, "Building a Life." In his address, Mr. Lee brought out the following points: 1. Build on the right foundation; 2. Get the right plan; 3. Use good material; 4. Get the material ready in advance; 5. Paint in it an attractive color. In conclusion, he urged us to "build such a life that anyone who comes in touch with 'me' will feel better because of that contact." In his second address, Mr. Lee emphasized the importance of the morning hours of life, using as the theme of his speech, "The evening and the morning of the same day," showing that the evening of achievement follows the morning of preparation.

The three addresses of Dr. J. W. Beagle formed another part of the main course. In his first talk, "Thy

Kingdom Come," Dr. Beagle, that great, humble soul, stressed the fact of the necessity for a deep desire for God's Kingdom to come; the fact of the longing of human beings everywhere for the reality of Jesus; and the necessity of a surrendered will on the part of the people of God in order for the kingdom to come. Dr. Beagle's second address was entitled "Laborers Together with God," and his last one, "Philippians 4:19," the theme of which was "God will supply all our needs."

Educational, inspirational, and entertaining were the moving pictures of Baptist missionary work in South America, shown by Mr. Enete; the illustrated lectures by Mrs. Enete; and the amusing antics of "Sammy," the "Charlie McCarthy of South America." Both the progress made in the past and the present needs in South America were vividly presented by these faithful servants of God.

The salad course on the menu offered the practical side of the convention. The message from Mr. C. Aubrey Hearn showed the trends of the Training Union work to be: 1. Toward a better trained constituency; 2. Toward enlargement; 3. Toward adult training; 4. Toward a more conscientious membership; 5. Toward better organized and more effective Associational Training Unions. The most outstanding need of the present is a worthy training program in the church, and Mr. Hearn characterized such a program as one that arises out of a recognized need; is built according to correct principles; is directed by confident officers, elected by the church; is made an integral part of the church program; includes potentially every church member; and magnifies the church.

Many practical suggestions and ideas were gained from the twin sessions, during which conferences were held for the various age-groups, the leaders of these groups, and the general officers.

Another part of the practical side of the convention was the new addition, "An Idea I Am Carrying Home With Me," during which period opportunity was given to those who wished to do so, to express one idea gained from the convention.

The hors d'oeuvres were a variety of special features. Of these, the juvenile talent parade, a "brand-new" feature, was one of the most successful items. Another of these was the junior and intermediate choir, leading the period of songs of praise at the opening service Thursday morning. In addition to the junior memory work drill and the intermediate sword drill, another new feature was added, Bible stories told by members of the Story Hour. Winners of these drills

were as follows:

Story Hour Beginners: First place, Patricia Palmer, Starkville; second place, Will Tate, Jackson, First Church.

Story Hour Primaries: Jane Evans, Starkville, first place; Billy Jo Harding, Indianola, second place.

Intermediate Sword Drill: Sybil Morgan, Jackson, First Church, and Marion Booth, Jackson, First Church, tied for first place; Augusta James, Ruleville, second place.

Juniors perfect in Memory Work: Eric Norman, New Albany; Paul R. Rogers, Salem, Covington County; Claudine Edwards, Indianola; Bess Iris Holloway, Indianola; Betty Turnipseed, Jackson, Davis Memorial; Russell Burns, Brookhaven; David Morgan, Biloxi; Leliner Green, Walnut Grove; Margaret Edwards, Philadelphia.

Still another special feature was the moving picture of scenes at Ridgecrest. As these scenes were flashed on the screen, happy hours spent at Ridgecrest were lived over again by those who have been there, and pleasant anticipation of happy hours to come were enjoyed by those who aspire to go.

Most enjoyable were the two banquets given on Thursday. At the lunch hour, a general banquet was enjoyed by approximately 350 of the delegates. The theme of the banquet was Christian Fellowship,

and this theme was beautifully carried out in the program. Clever Thanksgiving decorations adorned the tables, and a delicious menu was served. Music was furnished by the Mississippi College orchestra. The "cotton" theme was carried out both in decoration and program at the banquet for leaders, held in the late afternoon.

As a desert the sweet sacredness of the meditation period brought its soul-satisfaction to those who partook. This period of real heart-searching was led by Mr. Chester E. Swor, assisted by a trio composed of two violins and voice.

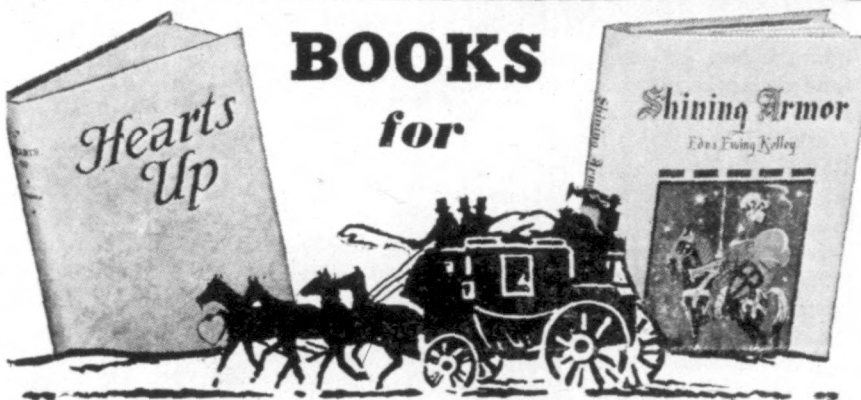
For a demi-tasse Mr. Wilds presented the plans for 1939. Some of those plans are: The conference for associational officers, to be held at Crystal Springs; study course

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The Hospital was built, is being built, for all classes and conditions of suffering humanity. For lack of funds and rooms we have failed certain needy patients at times. It seemed humanly impossible to meet the needs of all. But, we have not failed to continue in prayer.

Among those citizens who have suffered most in Mississippi, for lack of hospitalization, are our negroes.

From the beginning, the hospital has had a special ward for them, but it was of necessity small and could accommodate but few patients.

Again this good year of 1938, a bit more than a quarter of a century from its birth, there comes to the Mississippi Baptist Hospital another advancement with certain stipulations, that will enable the caring for, in a larger way our colored friends.

From the R. H. Green foundation the sum of one hundred thousand dollars is allocated to the Hospital by the trustees, Hon. H. V. Watkins, Hon. Fred Lotterhos, and Mr. A. A. Green, that the Hospital may enlarge its service to our negroes.

It is not necessary to mention here all of the stipulations agreed upon by the Hospital trustees and the Green trustees, but suffice it to say, new and larger wards will be built for them, also twelve private rooms making available thirty-five beds for colored patients.

Other required improvements and hospital appurtenances needed for all classes and conditions of patients will be added; and the Green foundation will be allotted five beds in perpetuity for indigent negroes in Jackson and vicinity.

The original gift and this last advancement; the first of the plant itself, the second that bids us remember others of God's children, come to Mississippi Baptist from friends of other denominations. Certainly we are glad and grateful and as "we strengthen our cords and enlarge our tents" our hearts will be enlarged to meet His call to suffering humanity of every race and nationality."

Beloved we bow our heads low as we acknowledge "What God hath wrought."

—Margaret McRae Lackey.

A tourist came running by the general store, carrying an empty dogharness. "Say," he said to one of the loungers, "you didn't see a pup around here anywhere, weighing about a pound, pound-and-half, or two pounds, did you?"

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ITEMS OF NEWS—CHIEFLY RUMANIAN

By Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke, Secty. Baptist World Alliance
Cruel Sentences on Rumanian Baptists.

A Rumanian paper published in Cernovitz contains in its issue of October 23rd a report of the trial by a military tribunal of five persons belonging to the village Chisla in the district of Hotin on the charge of holding illegal meetings. The five persons are described as "members of an illegal religious sect," which has been holding meetings secretly on many occasions in the house of one of the accused. All are in fact Baptists. The man whose house had been used for meetings was sentenced to one year's imprisonment with three years' loss of civic rights, and also fined 10,000 lei. The others were sentenced to six months and one day in prison, fined 8,000 lei each, and deprived of civic rights for two years.

Very significant is the newspaper description of these Baptists as "members of an illegal religious sect." Thus persecution continues. Rumania: A Day of Prayer.

Sunday, September 18th, was observed by Baptists throughout Rumania as a day of prayer and fasting in view of the repression which is widespread in Rumania, and the threatened application of the ministerial edict which would close practically all the churches before Christmas.

French Baptist Sympathy with Rumanian Brethren.

The Rev. Robert Farely has addressed an "open letter to French pastors" under the title "A Persecuted Minority." It is a convincing and vigorous exposition of the meaning of the "decision" published in Rumania. Mr. Farely strongly insists that, apart from the responsibility of the Rumanian state, the officials of the Orthodox church are involved in action entirely opposed to the professions of the ecumenical movement in which that church participates.

Polish Sympathy with Rumanian Baptists.

The Union of Slavic Baptists in Poland has expressed the keenest sympathy with the Rumanian Baptists, has published the facts, and has arranged for a special day of prayer on behalf of their Rumanian brethren.

JONES COUNTY BAPTISTS TO COOPERATE IN REVIVAL OF SOUTHERN BAPTISTS

Dr. L. G. Gates, moderator of the Jones County Baptist Association, and Rev. J. H. Street, associational chairman of the Southwide Baptist Revival, announce that plans are rapidly maturing for Jones County Baptists participation in the special season of revival and soul winning planned by the Southern Baptist Convention for the year 1939.

Local plans will be substantially as follows: Watch night prayer services will be observed on Saturday night, December 31; and Sunday will be a day of prayer in all churches in the interest of the revival movement.

Special services are to be held in

the churches in Laurel, according to tentative plans, the first week in January. The suggested arrangement is for one service to be held each night at the different Baptist churches with all other Baptist churches cooperating.

On January 16, a meeting of the Brotherhood is to meet with the First Baptist Church. The program is in charge of the Summerland Brotherhood. In this meeting first place will be given to the matter of the Southwide Baptist Revival. It is understood, also, that Summerland is bringing Chester Swor, dean of men in Mississippi College, to the meeting as guest speaker.

On January 16, a meeting of the pastors of Baptist churches in the county is being called by Dr. Gates in connection with the meeting of the Southeast Mississippi Baptist Pastors' Conference, to make more detailed plans for dates of revivals, meeting special needs, etc.

It is thought probable that there will be two or three district revival meetings under associational direction, in different parts of the county, details being subject to approval of pastors and communities involved.

A county-wide religious census is under advisement. This will certainly be a necessity for the most thorough work in connection with the revival efforts.

The leaders of the Southwide movement specify three outstand-

ing objectives: First, an increased emphasis on soul winning in every church; second, at least one revival in every church in the Southern Baptist Convention during the year 1939; and third, evangelistic campaigns in every community not adequately served by churches.

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Dr. Gladys Martin, professor of Latin at M. S. C. W. (left), who was one of the principal speakers at the North Mississippi Classical Conference convening at Blue Mountain College November 19, and Dr. Lucy Hutchins, professor of Latin at Blue Mountain College, hostess of the meeting.

AN UNUSUAL TREAT Mrs. W. G. Mize

Just think of orphans riding the streamline Rebel to the big city of the South, New Orleans! Hardly possible you think, and yet it happened last week and will again every week until Christmas.

Mr. I. B. Tigrett, president of the G. M. & N. Railroad, conceived the unique idea of treating the orphans in our home to a ride on the Rebel with New Orleans as the goal. The superintendent heartily accepted the kind and generous offer, presented him by Mr. F. S. Dean, general agent, and Mr. D. M. White, general passenger agent.

On November 30th before day-break, fifteen excited boys and girls with Mr. and Mrs. Mize boarded the Rebel as happy a bunch as you ever saw. Five of them had never been on a train before and none of them on the Rebel. We were cordially welcomed by Superintendent P. B. Bridges, Miss Plouche, the hostess, the genial conductor, flagman, and porters, all of whom contributed to the pleasures of the trip.

Upon arrival we were met at the station by Mr. A. R. Walley of the railroad and the B. B. I. bus, driven by brother Douglas Smith. We toured the city, returning to B. B. I. for lunch. The fine young people there were a blessing to see. Dr. and Mrs. Hamilton were gracious in their reception of us.

After more sight-seeing, and visits to the big stores, the happy group boarded the train home, not wearily, but so thankful for the wonderful experience.

Mr. Tigrett, himself was on the evening train as was Miss Ruby Paulk of Tupelo, the hostess.

Everyone we met was so pleasant that the children decided "all the world loves an orphan."

On Wednesday, December 7th, twenty children will make the trip. It will be a fine thing if some class,

group or individual will feel led to send a cash contribution that these little folk may have some spending money on this their one big trip.

The boys and girls together with the administration deeply appreciate every kindness shown them. May God bless all who help to make life worthwhile for others.

WOODVILLE

It was our privilege to have with us some guests from the St. Charles Avenue Baptist Church in New Orleans, among whom were Mr. Dick Rollins, student secretary at Tulane and Mr. Gug Chang, formerly of Shanghai, China, now a student at Tulane University.

Mr. Rollins made a brief talk about his work as student secretary and introduced his Chinese friend who told us of his conversion and about the ancestor worship in his native country. We were impressed by the fact that he said that too many people confess Christ and then sit down in idleness. He said that, as a Christian, he has an unspeakable gift and feels that he is responsible to God and his fellowmen to tell of Jesus and His love. He impressed us with his sincerity and devotion to Christ and made us feel that we have been negligent and indifferent toward our Christ and the lost ones about us.

Our hearts go out to him and his native people of China in this time of war and destruction and our prayer is that they shall come to the knowledge of his Christ and ours and peace shall reign supreme in all their land.

T. J. Delaughter, Pastor.

THE WOODLAND CHURCH

This writer has had a good year at Woodland. We have had a considerable growth in membership and a remarkable evidence of God's leadership in many ways. Recently

we had Mr. John A. Farmer with us in a study course and he endeared himself to our people. Any church is very fortunate in securing his service. We have recently organized a B. T. U. and our young people, as well as the adults, are very enthusiastic in the work. We have one of the best attended prayer meetings I have ever seen; from thirty to forty each Wednesday evening. Our women also have one of the best W. M. U.'s of any church its size. Our Sunday school is having a steady growth each Sunday. We praise God for His blessings and this pastor is asking the prayers of all who read this to pray for us in the work.

Yours in cooperation for all of our program.

J. W. Kitchens, Pastor.

BRITISH CHURCHES AND RUMANIAN REPRESSION

The Federal Council of the Free Churches of England, and the National Free Church Council of England and Wales have adopted resolutions which have been forwarded to the Rumanian government and to the patriarch at Bukarest. The Baptist Union of Scotland has taken similar action. Associations and churches throughout Britain have also expressed themselves. A typical example of the resolutions is that of the National Free Church Council which reads as follows:

"That the executive committee of the National Council of the Evangelical Free Churches of England and Wales has been informed of the issue in Rumania of an administrative decree by the Ministry of Cults (No. 26208 published on June 14th, last), which contravenes the accepted principles of religious freedom, and would have the effect of closing hundreds of churches including almost the whole of those of the Baptist communion in the land.

"In the name of the Free Churches of England and Wales, the members of which are animated by a spirit of sympathy and friendship for the king and people of Rumania, the National Council is compelled to record the pain and sorrow which the news of this decree has occasioned among them. The members would earnestly and respectfully ask that the royal government of Rumania will withdraw the decree, and grant to the Baptist people, and churches the full liberty which they enjoy in other lands.

"The National Council further recalls that at the Oxford Conference of 1937, in which members of the various communions in its membership (Congregationalist, Presbyterian, Methodist, Moravian, and the Society of Friends as well as Baptist) participated, the Rumanian Orthodox church accepted through its officially appointed delegates a report setting forth the rights and liberty of Christian churches in a sense entirely opposed to that of the administrative decree. It therefore appeals to his sanctity the Rumanian Patriarch to exert his great influence as prime minister as well as chief officer of the church to secure the annulment of the decree and the acknowledgment of the Baptist communion as a recognized cult.

"Copies of this resolution to be forwarded to his sanctity the Patriarch, his excellency the Rumanian minister in London and the under-secretary of state, foreign office."

CRUGER MEETING

The Cruger Church and community enjoyed a spiritual feast in the meeting which began the fifth Sunday in October. Brother Joe Canzoneri conducted the song services and brought the messages from God's book, also. He did both well. The congregations kept growing until the last service when every available place was occupied. Six were received for baptism and three by letter. The offering was brought to the church and proved to be unusually good.

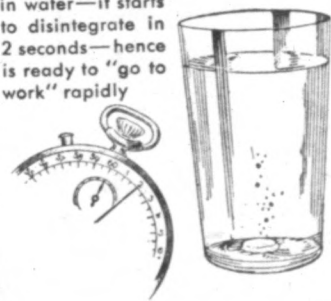
The Cruger church has as many capable people in its membership as any church its size in the Mississippi Delta. When a task is really undertaken it is always well done.

C. J. Olander

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The Every Member Canvass goes on the assumption that a careful budget has been made providing for both local expenses and the cooperative causes, state and southwide.

Some churches prefer the Unified Budget in which all causes are included and the distribution of funds between local and denominational causes is made upon a percentage basis. Others prefer the Double Budget and ask every member to subscribe to both funds. In all cases a fair distribution should be agreed upon and religiously maintained.

Having given much thought and made careful preparation, some pastors prefer beginning the actual taking of pledges at the morning worship service following this with the house to house canvass and then working through all the church organizations. Other equally successful pastors begin with and in the Sunday school. And yet others begin by seeking subscriptions from individuals and groups before making any public appeal. I have tried all three plans. More depends on how you work the plan than on the plan you work.

If we will prayerfully, patiently, persuasively and persistently put on the Every Member Canvass we shall most probably find that we have enlisted our people, provided a plenty to promote our program and the pleasure of the Lord will prosper in our hands.

Its Accomplishments and Achievements Alliterated

- A- It will actually attract attention to all our activities if accurately and annually attempted and accomplished.
- B- It will bring the best brains into the business of building and balancing a budget.
- C- It will carry our church commercial concerns from the credit to the cash counter.
- D- It will dignify our denominational designs, and do away with distasteful discriminations and disturbing designations.
- E- It will enlist every member in every enterprise and eliminate extra efforts, employees and expenses.
- F- It will find forgotten folk and face them forward in fostering our finances.
- G- It will give girls and grown-ups a good chance to grow in the grace of generosity for gospelizing the globe.
- H- It will help hungry hearts and humble homes to have a happy part in holy service.
- I- It will inspire intelligent interest in our illustrious institutions.
- J- It will join our agencies in the joyful job of promoting a joint enterprise.
- K- It will kindle a kindly concern for all Kingdom causes.
- L- It will lift liberality from the low plane of a dole-giving to the high level of love-offering.
- M- It will enable the minister to make missionary messages without mincing matters or mentioning money.

- N- It will neither nullify nor neglect the church program and never knock and knife the pastor's plans.
- O- It will offer opportunity for opulent offerings to optimistic objectives.
- P- It will prevent partial presentations and preclude the promotion of pet projects by persistent persons.
- Q- It will quiet the quarrelsome and quell the querulous by questioning his quota for Christ.
- R- It will reveal unrealized resources and release unrecognized reserves for religion.
- S- It will strike the sting from sacrificial giving, stab selfishness and save us from being stingy.
- T- It will take time and thought and trouble, but it will turn up talent and train in thoroughness and tact.
- U- It will utilize unions and auxiliaries in a united undertaking.
- V- It will verify and vindicate our principle of voluntariness versus coercion and constraint.
- W- It will woo the wayward to willingly work in winning a weary, wretched, war-worn world to the ways of wisdom.
- X- It will exemplify the example of Christ, the exhortation of Paul, x-ray the givers heart, and exercise the demon of extravagance.
- Y- It will yoke you and yours in a yearning effort to help young and old.
- Z- If zealously put on in every zone it will add zest to our zeal, bring gentle zephers from Zion, and reduce the non-cooperators to zero.

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